

A

REPRESENTATION TO CONGRESS

BY THE

Morton Testimonial Association,

COVERING A PORTION OF THE NEW AND RECENTLY RECEIVED

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, RESOLUTIONS, & LETTERS

FROM A LARGE NUMBER OF THE

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES, PROFESSORS
AND SURGEONS OF THE PRINCIPAL COLLEGES AND HOSPITALS,
SURGEONS, OFFICERS AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS OF THE
FEDERAL ARMY, &c., &c.,

URGING COMPENSATION FOR THE USE OF

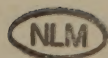
Anaesthetics in the Army and Navy.

SUBMITTED TO THE

38TH CONGRESS,

AND

PRINTED FOR THE USE OF ITS MEMBERS



REPRESENTATION.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. S. in Congress assembled.

An Association having been formed in the city of Boston, Mass., representing a large body of American Physicians, for the purpose of procuring for Dr. W. T. G. Morton, of Boston, an expression of the grateful sense entertained by his fellow men, of the benefit he has conferred on them, and some adequate remuneration for his expenditures in demonstrating the great physiological fact that the human system may be safely placed in a condition of insensibility to pain, and establishing the practicability and safety of Etherization, which led directly to the use of chloroform and other anæsthetic agents for the relief of human suffering; and in the successful introduction of this great discovery :—

The subscriber, on behalf of the Association, herewith respectfully submits to Congress petitions and representations recently received by it from members of the American Medical Association, Scientific Societies, Professors and Surgeons, of the principal colleges and hospitals, Surgeons, Officers and wounded soldiers of the Federal Army, and prominent citizens, and selections from numerous letters and testimonials of the most emphatic character from men eminent in the various professions throughout the country, urging upon Congress an immediate appropriation for the use of anæsthetics in the Army and Navy; also proceedings of the "Morton Testimonial Association," embracing the signatures and resolutions of the Medical Profession of Boston, New York, and Philadelphia, in support of Dr. Morton's claims.

By reference to Senate Report No. 89, 37th Congress, 3d Session,* on Dr. Morton's title and efforts to gain from the United States Government a return of the expenditures that he has made in the introduction of Etherization, it will be seen, that in the opinion of the Medical Profession of America, as well as of the chief authorities of our National Government and of competent institutions in our own country and in Europe, and of our most eminent men of science and letters, Dr. Morton is entitled to the merit of having given this universal blessing to the human family.

Thousands of our citizens in private life have been saved from the pangs incident to the various diseases to which the race is subject; thousands of our soldiers, on the field of battle, have been made insensible to the tortures of gunshot wounds and surgical operations; thousands of mothers have been spared the agonies of childbirth, by the beneficent agency of Ether and Chloroform; but Dr. Morton himself has spent many years of his life and all his property, and though no longer a young man, is still impoverished by the exertions he has made in conferring this great blessing on mankind. It is respectfully

* The evidence upon which this Report is based, may be found in pages 66 to 166 of the appendix in the Senate Document Room.

suggested that some token from Government of the just appreciation of the value of the services of this benefactor of his fellow-creatures, is simply an act of justice. The introduction of Anaesthetics would have been worth millions of money to the country during the present war, could it have been no otherwise obtained, and that it is due to the character of a great people, whose soldiers have been so signally benefited by this discovery, that their representatives should express to Dr. Morton their gratitude for the benefit he has conferred upon his fellow countrymen, as well as upon all mankind, by some testimonial of a value adequate to the benefits which have been conferred, and the resources of the nation which has received them.

On behalf of the Morton Testimonial Association,

John Ware

Chairman Ex. Com.

AN APPEAL.

To the New England Delegation in Congress, United States:

GENTLEMEN,

The undersigned hereby express to you their conviction that DR. WM. T. G. MORTON is the discoverer of the practical application of Etherization for the relief of pain, generally, and in surgical operations in particular; that we consider it one of the most important discoveries ever made in medicine, and one of the most important to the human race ever made by man—and we do most earnestly desire, as a matter of justice to DR. MORTON, that you will sustain and urge his application to the Government and Congress for remuneration, whenever it is presented, according to the best of your distinguished abilities.

A.D. 1864.

CAMBRIDGE.

Thomas Hill, LL.D.,	<i>President of Harvard University.</i>		
Joseph Lovering,	<i>Professor in Harvard University.</i>		
Benjamin Peirce,	"	"	"
Jeffries Wyman,	"	"	"
Oliver Stearns,	"	"	"
Francis James Child,	"	"	"
Emory Washburn	"	"	"
Francis Bowen,	"	"	"
James Russell Lowell,	"	"	"
G. P. Bond,	"	"	"
W. W. Goodwin,	"	"	"
George M. Lane,	"	"	"
Henry W. Longfellow, <i>late Prof. in Harvard University.</i>			
Jared Sparks, <i>late President of Harvard University.</i>			
E. N. Horsford, <i>late Rumford Professor in Harvard University.</i>			
J. E. Worcester, <i>Worcester's Dictionary.</i>			
Joseph Winlock, <i>U.S. Nautical Almanack.</i>			

AMHERST.

W. H. Stearns, D.D., LL.D.,	<i>President of Amherst College.</i>		
E. Hitchcock,	<i>late President and Professor of Amherst College.</i>		
E. S. Snell,	<i>Professor of Amherst College.</i>		
W. S. Tyler,	"	"	"
J. G. Vose,	"	"	"
E. P. Crowell,	"	"	"
E. Hitchcock, Jr.,	"	"	"
Wm. L. Montague,	"	"	"
R. H. Mather,	"	"	"

WILLIAMSTOWN.

Mark Hopkins, D.D., LL.D.,	<i>President of Williams College.</i>		
Albert Hawkins,	<i>Professor of Williams College.</i>		
John Tatlock,	"	"	"
John Bascom,	"	"	"
Arthur L. Perry,	"	"	"
John L. T. Phillips,	"	"	"

BOSTON.

Amos A. Lawrence,	J. Ingersoll Bowditch,
Gardner Brewer,	Edward Austin,
Charles Amory,	Franklin Haven,
James Lawrence,	David Sears,
George B. Upton,	W. W. Tucker,
James Amory,	Abbott Lawrence,
Isaac Livermore,	John A. Lowell,
J. M. Forbes,	James Bowdoin Bradlee,
R. B. Forbes,	Alpheus Hardy,
William Dwight,	George W. Lyman.

PETITIONS.

*To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. S.
in Congress assembled :*

The undersigned hereby testify to your honorable body, that in almost the unanimous opinion of the Medical Profession of America, as well as of our National Government and competent institutions, Dr. Morton was the first to discover or demonstrate the great physiological fact that the human system is capable of being placed safely in a condition in which it becomes insensible to pain ; and to prove the practicability and safety of Etherization, which directly led to the use of Chloroform and other Anæsthetic agents for the relief of human suffering, they beg leave earnestly to represent to Congress, that, in their opinion, the introduction of Anæsthetics would have been worth millions of money to the country during the present war could it have been no otherwise obtained ; and that it is due to the character of a great people, whose soldiers have been so signally benefited by this discovery, that their representatives should express to Dr. Morton their gratitude for the benefit he has conferred upon his fellow countrymen, as well as upon all mankind, by some testimonial of a value adequate to the benefits which have been conferred, and the resources of the nation which has received them.*

MAINE.

Bowdoin College, 1864

Leonard Woods, D.D.,	<i>President of Medical Faculty.</i>
P. A. Chadbourne, M.D.,	<i>Professor in Bowdoin College.</i>
William C. Robinson, M.D.,	" " "
Israel T. Dana, M.D.,	" " "
Isaac Lincoln, M.D.,	" " "
John D. Lincoln, M.D.,	" " "

Rockland, Me., 1864.

Thomas Frye, M. D.	Nath'l Jones,	O. J. Conant,
Joseph Farwell,	M. C. Andrews, Postmt'r,	B. J. Booker,
Maynard Sumner,	C. P. Fessenden,	Wm. J. Bond,
Francis Cobb,	S. N. Hatch,	Wm. Beattie,
W. H. Titcomb,	Ralph P. E. Thacher,	Leander Weeks,
Peter Thacher,	P. T. Prescott, M. D.	T. K. Osgood,
Geo. W. Kimball, Jr.,	James Walsh,	T. E. Simonton,
Deputy Collector,	H. H. Ulman,	F. J. Simonton,
G. W. Kimball,	I. K. Kimball,	Seth E. Benson, jr.,
L. W. Howes,	Geo. W. Thacher,	Ephm. Hall,
C. R. Mallard,	John Merrill, M. D.	D. D. Fuller.
A. H. Kimball,	M. W. Farwell, M. D.	W. O. Fuller,
J. Wakefield,	Nath'l Meservey,	Moody E. Thurlow,
Chas. N. Germaine, M. D.	E. P. Chase,	Wm. T. Hovey,
A. G. Spear,	Freeman Harden,	Geo. S. Wiggin.

* This Petition is signed by the Professors of thirty Colleges, not received in time to print.

VERMONT.

Brattleboro, Vt., 1864.

Fran's J. Higginson, M.D.	Chas. Cummings, M.D.	Henry Spohn, M.D.
W. H. Rockwell, M.D.	Geo. F. Gale, M.D.	N. G. Brooks, M.D.
J. Draper, M.D.	Edw. Phelps, M.D.	Story N. Goss, M.D.
Addison Brown, M.D.	S. W. Bowles, M.D.	

Oswell, Vt., Nov. 1863.

Earl Cushman, M.D.	D. C. Bascom,	Roswell Bottum,
Nathan Gale, M.D.	J. W. Boynton,	O. S. Branch,
M. C. Rice,	E. M. Wright,	Geo. R. Bottum.
H. C. Holley,	J. L. Hammond,	

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Nashua, N. H., Jan. 15, 1864.

Edward Spalding, M.D.	Geo. Gray, M.D.	E. A. Colburn, M.D.
D. Onslow Smith, M.D.	James Emery, M.D.	Elijah Colburn, M.D.

Haverhill, N. H., Dec. 12th, 1863.

Phineas Spalding, M.D.	A. K. Merrill, Town Clerk.
H. H. Tenney, “	N. W. Westgate, Judge of Probate,
C. A. Dole, Clerk S. J. Court,	L. C. Morse, Registrar “
Geo. W. Chapman,	Q. M. Webb, “ of Deeds,
G. S. Stevens, Att'y & Deputy Sheriff,	John Page, Ex-Gov. N. H.

Peterboro', N. H., Jan. 25, 1864.

Albert Smith, M.D.	J. N. Danforth, M.D.
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Chester, N. H., Dec. 17, 1863.

J. P. Whittemore, M.D.	S. S. Chamberlin,	David L. Batchelder,
Thos. J. Melvin,	S. F. Learnard,	Nathan. S. Morse,
William Crawford,	John S. Coming,	Perley C. Ingalls, Chemist.
John W. Noyes,	William T. Green,	

Newport, 1864.

Thomas Sanborn, M.D.	Mason Hatch,	Henry Tubbs.
Shepherd L. Bowers, M.D.		

MASSACHUSETTS.*

Cambridge, Mass., 1864.

Thos. Hill, President of Harvard Univ.	Emory Washburn, Prof. Harvard Univ.
Joseph Lovering, Prof. in " "	Francis Bowen, " " "
Benjamin Peirce, " " "	James Russell Lowell, " " "
Jeffries Wyman, " " "	G. P. Bond, " " "
Oliver Stearns, " " "	Henry W. Longfellow, late Prof. Har-
Francis Jas. Child, " " "	vard University,
H. W. Torrey, " " "	Jared Sparks, late Pres. in Harvard Univ.
Wolcott Gibbs, " " "	Daniel Treadwell, late Prof. " "
Asa Gray, " " "	E. N. Horsford, " " " "
Joel Parker, " " "	

Plymouth, Mass., Dec. 15th, 1863.

Timothy Gordon, M.D.	Leander Lovell,	E. C. Sherman,
Winslow Warren, M.D.	B. H. Holmes,	Daniel J. Robbins,
Benj. Hubbard, M.D.	Allen Danforth,	George G. Dyer,
Alex. Jackson, M.D.	Nath'l Russell,	Wm. Faven,
William Bartlett, 2d.	Chas. C. Doten,	Nath'l Wood, Jr.
Thomas Loring,	Geo. F. Weston,	T. B. Cobb,
Reuben Olney,	Jno. J. Lingley,	John T. Hall,
P. Leach,	Jacob H. Loud,	N. E. Harlow.
A. H. Cornish,		

West Brookfield, Mass., 1864.

Julius Blodgett, M.D.	Lyman Tower,	W. F. Adams,
Joseph E. Cutler,	S. H. Thompson,	Joseph A. Sprague.
E. H. Blair,	G. H. Fales,	
F. H. Barnes,	Wm. B. Thompson,	

Clinton, Mass., 1864.

Geo. M. Morse, M. D.	P. T. Kendall, M. D.
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Leicester, Mass., Dec. 11, 1863.

Edward Flint, M.D.	Preston Cummings,	John Woodcock,
John Nelson,	James Thurston,	J. N. Murdock.
Samuel May, Jr.	H. G. Merriam,	

Walpole, Dec. 31, 1863.

Eben Stone, M.D.	John M. Merrick,
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Palmer Morey.

* Petitions from the Professors and Surgeons of the Medical Colleges, Hospitals, and Medical Societies of Massachusetts, and Representations from eminent men in the various Professions, Resolutions of the Trustees of Hospitals and Infirmaries, Proceedings and Resolutions of Meetings of the Medical Profession of Boston, will be found in the Appendix to Senate Report Nos. 89 37th Congress, 3d Session, from page 48 to 51, 61 to 64, and 66 to 67. Also in the proceedings of the Morton Testimonial Association, pages 1 to 12, 33 to 37, 45 to 46, herewith transmitted.

Chatham, Mass., 1863.

E. W. Carpenter, M.D.
Lieut. C. M. Upham,
58th M. V.

Nath'l B. Smith,
Christopher Taylor, 2d,
Frank Armstrong,

Hiram Harding,
Isaac H. Loveland,
Zenas Atkins.

Winchendon, Mass., Dec. 14th, 1863.

Alvah Godding, M.D.
A. A. Childs, M.D.
John T. Page, M.D.

Geo. S. Dodge,
L. W. Pierce,
E. S. Merrill,

Silas Raymond,
Geo. B. Raymond.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 11, 1863.

J. C. Delano,
Oliver Prescott,
Thos. B. White,
T. M. Stetson,
B. W. Hathaway,
D. R. Greene,
Abraham H. Howland,
Matthew Howland,

George F. Bartlett,
Geo. Howland, Jr.
Edward C. Jones,
Jonathan Bourne, Jr.
Thomas Nye, Jr.
Wm. Hathaway, Jr.
Wm. T. Russell,
John H. Clifford,

Edmund Gardner,
Geo. O. Crocker,
Geo. Barney,
Wm. Phillips,
John A. Beckerman,
Thos. A. Greene.

Rochester, Mass., 1864.

Jos. Haskell, M. D.
Theophilus King,

David Lewis,
George Bonney,

Henry W. Church.

Groton, Mass., Dec. 18th, 1863.

Joshua Green, M.D.
Rev. E. A. Bulkley,
Rev. L. E. Smith,

Josiah K. Bennett,
Counsellor at Law,
George Stearns, M.D.

Norman Smith, M.D.

Stoneham, Mass., Dec. 18, 1863.

Wm. F. Stevens, M. D.
Luther Hill,
John Hill,
Samuel Tidd,
Levi T. Rowe,
T. Brooks Hadley,
Geo. W. Dike,

E. T. Whittier,
Warren Sweetser,
Ira Gerry,
Alpha Richardson,
George Cowdrey,
William G. Fuller,
Lyman Dike,

G. W. Trowbridge,
L. F. Lynde,
W. F. Sweetser,
W. J. Battles,
M. L. Morse.

Hopkinton, Mass., 1864.

Jefferson Pratt, M. D.

North Brookfield, Mass., Dec. 24, 1863.

Joshua Porter, M.D.
Amasa Walker,
Freeman Walker,
Ezra Batchelder,
Edmund Smith,

L. Edmands,
Geo. C. Lincoln,
E. J. Russell,
Chas. Adams, Jr.
C. Cushing,

G. W. Dewing,
L. Olmstock,
B. K. De Land,
Wm. H. Bacher,
L. P. De Land.

Hadley, Mass., Dec. 21, 1863.

Rowland Ayres,
F. Bonney, M.D.
E. Porter,
James B. Porter,
Wm. P. Porter,
J. E. Porter,

Rodney Smith,
Oliver Bonney,
Wm. S. Shipman,
John E. Smith,
C. E. Shipman,
A. S. Newton,

F. Edson,
David Root,
Edward Stebbins,
Luther W. Dickinson,
Chas. Cook, 2d.
Horace Cook.

RHODE ISLAND.

E. Greenwich, R. I., Dec. 1st, 1863.

Jas. H. Eldredge, M.D.

S. A. Crane, Rector of St. Luke's, E. G.

Lucius M. Wheeler, M. D.

NEW YORK.*

North White Creek, Washington Co., N. Y., Dec. 30, 1863.

Henry C. Gray, M.D., of North White Creek, }

Orlando M. Bump, M.D., of Cambridge, }

William Stevenson, M.D., of Coila. }

*Different Post Offices in the
same village.**Cortlandville, Cortland Co., N. Y., Dec. 18th, 1863.*

Miles Goodyear, M.D.

Franklin Goodyear, M.D.

Fulton, N. Y., Dec. 1863.

Chas. G. Bacon, M.D.

M. S. Kimball,

S. Pardee, M.D.

J. Ford Morris,

D. Pardee, M.D.

C. R. Nichols,

A. N. Sudington,

C. S. Eggleston,

R. C. Kenyon,

Thos. W. Chesebro,

H. H. Coats,

Elliot Hanaum,

P. W. Hyde,

Norris G. Dodge,

Geo. N. Falley,

O. O. Shumway,

J. J. Wolcott,

S. N. Dada,

S. S. Morrill,

Geo. C. Sawyer.

Essex, N. Y., Dec. 14th, 1863.

Saml. Shumway, M.D.

John Ross,

Belden Noble, M.D.

M. S. Hoffseagle,

Asa P. Hammond, M.D.

M. H. Stower,

Henry N. Gould,

P. E. Havens, Senator

16th Dist., N. Y.

Rev. J. T. Willett.

Coventry, N. Y., 1863.

Harvey F. Beardsley, Jus.

Frederick Martin,

Wm. H. Beardsley, M.D.

James S. Parker,

Edgar A. Phillips, Sup.

Matthew S. Hoyt,

Amasa J. Hoyt.

Kirkwood, Broome Co., N. Y., Dec. 21, 1863.

Palmer M. Way, M.D.

Clinton, N. Y., Dec. 17, 1863.

Chas. Barrows, M.D.

A. Beardsley, M.D.

H. M. Burchard,

O. C. Powell, Merch't.

Fred. M. Barrows, M.D.

Dr. G. J. Bronson,

A. U. Mills, Att'y.

B. Butler, Merchant,

A. A. Barrows, M.D.

M. D. Raymond, Editor,

Jas. J. Scalland, M.D.

* Representations from the Professors and Surgeons of the Colleges, Hospitals, Infirmarys, Dispensaries, Asylums, Medical Societies, Commissioners of Emigration, Governors of Hospitals, Proceedings and Resolutions of Meetings of the Medical Profession of New York, will be found in the Appendix to the Senate Report, No. 89, 37th Congress, 3d Session, pages 56, 68. Also in the proceedings of the Morton Testimonial Association, from pages 23 to 32, and 46 to 48, herewith transmitted.

Williamstown, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1864.

L. S. Sprague, M. D.
 Stephen K. Williams, Senator 25th Dist. State of N. Y.
 Lemuel Durfee, Member Assembly, 2d District, Wayne Co.
 T. W. Collins, Member Assembly, 1st District, Wayne Co.

Delhi, N. Y., 1864.

Ferris Jacobs, M.D. }
 Calvin Howard, M.D. } *of Delhi, Del. Co., N. Y.*
 Delos H. Mann, M.D. }

Sherburne, Chenango Co., N. Y., 1864.

Deville White, M.D. Ira C. Owen, B. H. Marks.

NEW JERSEY.

New Jersey, 1864.

A. D. Woodruff, M.D. Hadderfield, N. J.	J. H. Stokes, M.D., Morristown, N. J.
H. E. Bramin, M.D., Blackwoodtown, N. J.	Edward Bettie, Camden Co., N. J.
C. D. Hendry, M.D., Hadderfield, N. J.	A. W. Clement, Hadderfield, N. J.
N. B. Jennings, M.D., Hadderfield, N. J.	John Gill, Hadderfield, N. J.

Bordentown, N. J., 1864.

J. D. Young, M.D.	R. S. Van Rensselaer,	Wm. Cook,
W. S. McMichael,	Ad. Mailliard,	Alfred Thompson,
G. Mott,	Jacob M. Bunting,	G. S. Cannon,
Geo. M. Wright,	Samuel C. Foster,	J. L. M. Knight,
T. Adams,	W. Stokes,	J. E. Combs,
H. H. Longstreet,	Bunting Hankins,	Jno. H. Brakeley.

Salem, N. J., 1864.

Quinton Gibbon, M.D.	Col. Wm. B. Robertson,	Thos. Sinnickson,
J. H. Thompson, M.D.	Major Benj. Acton,	Andw. Sinnickson, Esq.
John Kirby, M.D.	Calvin Belden, Pres.	Alphonso L. Eakin,
Richd. M. Acton,	Salem Bank,	Couns. at Law.
F. Jones Yorke,	H. B. Ware, Cash. Salem	W. L. Newell, M.D.
D. W. C. Clement,	Bank,	Edwin Chew, Dentist,
J. W. Mecum,	Rev. Daniel Stratton,	Owen L. Jones.

DELAWARE.

Smyrna, Del., Dec. 14, 1863.

E. D. Dailey, M.D., late	Wm. Cummins, M.D.	W. T. Collins, M.D., late
Surgeon U. S. Vols.	B. S. Goolie, M.D.	Ass't. Surg. 6th Reg.
J. E. Clawson, M.D.	R. Liv. Hirons, M.D.	Del Vols.
Wm. Daniel, M.D.	S. M. Fisler, M.D.	A. H. Sanborn, M.D.

MARYLAND.

Richmond, Dec. 11th, 1863.

Selden Jennings, M. D., Pres. Berk. Co. Med. Soc.

PENNSYLVANIA.^c

Isaac Thomas, M.D.	Jacob Price, M.D.	<i>Westchester, Penn., 1864.</i>
Wilmer Worthington, M.D.	Sumner Stebbins, M.D.	J. B. Brinton, M.D.
Wm. Goodell, M.D.		Wm. S. Malany, M.D.

Jno. Lowman, M.D.	T. K. Babcock,	<i>Johnstown, Penn., Dec. 14th, 1863.</i>
H. J. Roberts,	J. Eldridge,	John Galbreath,
C. T. Frazer,	H. A. Boggs,	D. J. Morrell,
A. D. Haws,	Wm. Owl,	W. W. Walters, M.D.
George Fritz,	Alexander Hamilton,	C. Sheridan.

Traill Green, M.D.	Cyrus Larrall,	<i>Easton, Penn., Dec. 14, 1863.</i>
Henry B. Semple, Drug't.	Owen Hagenbuch,	C. C. Jennings, M.D.
V. B. Stewart,	Amos Seiss, M.D.	R. P. Montague,
A. N. Semple, Druggist,	Edw. Swift, M.D.	Edw. E. Ellsgood,
Wm. H. Penck, Druggist,	John Noble,	Wm. Keller,
J. G. Semple, Druggist,	Evan Hough, M.D.	Wm. Hackett,
W. H. Larrall,	C. Edw. Hecht, Druggist,	John Titus,
		James Cavanaugh, M.D.

J. B. Luden, M.D.	Edmund Snare, M.D.	<i>Huntingdon, Penn., Dec. 8, 1863.</i>
Jno. McCulloch, M.D.	Jonath. H. Dorsey, M.D.	Rev. G. W. Zahuim,
R. Allison Miller, D.D.S.	John. Williamson, At'y	Capt. S. W. Carpenter,
Tho. R. Campbell, At'y	at Law	U. S. Inv. Corps,
at Law,	Rev. James Brads,	1st Lieut. H. C. Brandt,
J. D. Campbell, Capt. &	J. Sewell Stewart, At'y	Co. E, 16th Regt. Inv.
Pro. Mar. 17th Dist.	at Law,	Corps, U. S. A.
Penn.	Theo. H. Cremer, At'y	John Scott,
A. Rothrock, M.D.	at Law,	Geo. Taylor, Prov't Judge
Wm. P. Orbison, At'y	Geo. W. Johnston, Sheriff,	24th Dist. Penn.
at Law,	Rev. S. M. Moore,	

Schuylkill Haven, S. Co., Pa., Dec. 1863.

D. Webster Bland, Sur. 96th Regt. P. V. Army of Potomac.
John. G. Koehler, M.D.

KENTUCKY.

Saml. B. Richardson, M.D.	T. L. Dix, M.D.	<i>Shelbyville, Ky., Dec. 1863.</i>
Thomas Todd,	J. R. Dunlap,	J. B. Cochran,
J. H. Wilson,	Geo. J. Reed,	D. S. Glunghter, M.D.
W. C. Matthews,	R. B. Winlock, M.D.	Gideon J. Stivers, D.D.S.

D. L. Freeman, M.D.	Edwin Bryant,	<i>5th Cong. District, Ky., Jan. 3, 1863.</i>
Ben. P. Rowe,	Thomas Smith,	Claude Freeman,

M. S. Shuck, M.D.	J. M. Cordwell, M.D.	<i>Lebanon, Ky., Jan. 21, 1864.</i>
John S. Shuck, M.D.	J. H. Edlen,	
V. A. Wheat, M.D.	W. W. Chaver, M.D.	

^c Representations from the Professors and Surgeons of the Medical Colleges, Hospitals, Infirmaries, Dispensaries, Medical Societies, and proceedings and Resolutions of Meetings of the Medical Profession of Philadelphia, will be found in the Appendix to the Senate Report, No. 89, 37th Congress, 3d Session, pages 51-56. Also in the proceedings of the Morton Testimonial Association, pages 13-22, herewith transmitted.

OHIO.

Hamilton, Ohio, Dec. 1863.

W. S. Schenck, Sur. on Board of Enrolment, 3d Cong. Dist. Ohio.

Ashland, Ohio, Dec. 30th, 1863.

Dr. Isaac L. Crane,	J. P. Cowan,	Dr. H. Buck,
Dr. P. H. Clark,	H. J. Cressengei, Dentist,	Dr. J. B. F. Sampsel,
Jos. Sheets, M.D.	Dr. D. S. Sampsel,	Dr. G. W. Hill.
Dr. J. W. Kinnaman,	G. Oesterlen,	

Massillon, Ohio, 1864.

John Scheozer, M. D.	L. Pangburn,	R. H. Folger,
Fred. T. Hurrthal, M.D.	Charles London,	Edward Briggs,
A. Metz, M.D.	Abraham Fantz,	J. W. Myers,
D. B. Wyandt,	Solomon Lind,	Anson Allen,
J. J. S. Kelley,	Geo. A. Hurxthal,	D. C. Blood,
M. H. Crumrine,	David Atwater,	C. Russell,
Thomas S. Webb,	J. S. Lockwood,	C. N. Oberlin,
James M. Brown,	I. V. Schirtyed,	William D. Button,
S. Huntley,	Sam Oppenheimer,	E. Davenport,
I. Steese,	A. G. Trebold,	T. R. Richnoul,
Jno. McClymonds, Cash.	S. Oberlin,	S. Klotz,
W. F. Rudenstein, Drug.	Jonathan Stoner,	P. Shauf,
Joseph Coleman,	J. H. McLain,	Q. W. Reeves,
Henry H. Everhard,	William F. Ricks,	Alex. Allen,
J. E. McLain,	David Murry,	Thomas W. Harvey,
F. Hookvey,	Joseph Hickman,	A. G. Crosby,
S. A. Conrad,	C. F. Ricks,	Isaac B. Dangler,
J. L. Bachtel,	S. C. Bowman,	Edwin Bayliss,
D. Grassman,	J. H. Ogden,	James Bayliss,
Sam'l Pease, Mayor,	Edward Kaehler,	Anson Pease,
Joseph Watson, Drug't,	Renet Jarvis,	N. S. Russell,
E. Rudolph,	Ernest Wessina,	John D. Abraham,
	G. P. Reed.	

ILLINOIS.

Jacksonville, Ill., 1864.

David Prince, M.D.	J. M. Sturtevant,	R. Nutting,
J. L. Pratt,	J. B. Turner,	S. Adams,
E. P. Kirby,	D. A. Smith,	D. H. Hamilton.
Wm. D. Sanders,	Jas. Berdan,	

Vandalia, Ill., 1864.

Francis B. Haller, M. D.	William Hankins, Circuit Clerk,
Capt. Thomas K. Jenkins,	C. W. Jenks, M. D.
Cornelius Pyatt,	Jacob Fouke, Co. Judge,
Geo. R. Fitch, Esq.	H. T. Collins, M. D.
C. W. Hissinbaken,	S. Perkins, Hardware Merchant,
E. Capps, Merchant,	A. H. Deeckmann, Merchant,
James W. Berry, Master in Chancery,	Mathias Fehren, Merchant,
F. Remam, Merchant,	Geo. L. Jackson, M. D.

J. N. McCord, M. D.
 J. W. Ross, Esq.
 B. W. Henry, Esq.
 R. Blackwell, Merchant,
 D. C. McCord, Druggist,
 Tevis Greathouse, Esq.

Jas. M. Whiteman, Merchant,
 L. Walker, Jeweller,
 Benj. Capps, Merchant,
 Joseph Gordon, Presb. Minister,
 W. H. Corrington, Meth. Minister.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 11, 1863.

W. J. Chenoweth, M.D.
 E. W. Moore, M.D.
 John N. Bills, Dentist,
 Thos. J. Cornell, M.D.
 J. S. Past,

S. McBride, M.D.
 J. Brown, M.D.
 D. C. Brown, Druggist,
 W. J. Brown, "
 C. R. Fairchild, M.D.

N. L. Kron, Druggist,
 Rev. J. Stamper,
 J. E. Roberts, Druggist,
 S. C. Roberts, Druggist,
 B. F. Sibley, M.D.

Kewanee, Ill., Dec. 1863.

Hiram Nance, M.D.
 George H. Scott, M.D.

M. H. Hinsdale, Druggist.
 E. & G. B. Stone, Druggist.

I am glad to comply with the above in favor of Dr. Morton. Another petition is being circulated in our village amongst the business men. I have considered it useless to procure other than those of the profession, or connected with it.

Yours, &c.,

HIRAM NANCE.

MICHIGAN.

Port Huron, D. c. 19th, 1863.

O. M. Stockwell, M.D., Surgeon U.S.V. Jared Kibbee, M.D., Dentist,
 Frank B. Galbraith, late Ass't Surgeon, 10th Mich. Infantry.

Monroe, Mich., 1864.

George Landon, M.D.
 William M. Smith, M.D.
 Edward Doroeh, M.D.,
 Swiss Pharmac.
 S. R. Arnold, M.D.
 Franklin Johnson,
 Wm. Dunbar, Sheriff,

Stephen G. Clarke, Co. Clerk,
 George Morris,
 Constant Luce, Col. 17th Mich. Inf'y.
 Edwin Millits, P.M.
 J. G. Grosvenor,
 Jas. Armitage,
 John M. Oliver, Col. 15th Mich. Vols.

I know nothing of the particular merits of Doctor Morton, in reference to the discovery or test of the effects of Anæsthetics; but if the above statements are true, I think it is right the public should compensate his loss of time, and his expenses.

J. P. CHRISTIANA, *Justice of Sup. Court, Mich.*

MINNESOTA.

Winona, Minn., 1864.

John D. Ford, M.D.
 Franklin Staples, M.D.
 E. A. Hebard, M.D.
 T. B. Welch, M.D., D.D.S.
 S. N. Wickershune,
 Chas. Benson,
 N. B. Stevens,
 D. S. Norton,
 H. M. Cockerel,
 C. H. Berry,

John Sherman,
 J. W. Stearns,
 H. Choate.

WISCONSIN.

Jamesville, Wis., Dec. 14th, 1863.

H. Adams, M.D.
 J. B. Ormsby, M.D., Green Co.
 John Mitchell, M.D., Jamesville,
 H. P. Strancy, M.D., Beloit,

W. Amer, M.D.
 W. H. Shattuck, D.D.S.
 F. F. Dodge, M.D.
 Amos S. Jones, M.D.

S. G. Bailey, M.D., Jamesville,
E. Rider, M.D., Jamesville,
A. P. Coryell, M. D.
E. Lewis, M.D.

R. B. Treat, M.D.
C. R. Head, M.D.
Lyman J. Barrows, M.D.

Madison, Wisconsin, 1864.

E. F. Carr, M.D.
John Favill, M.D.
J. H. Orrick, M.D.
Otis Hugh, M.D., Surgeon 30th Regt.
Wisconsin Vols. Infantry Post Surg.
Camp Wallace.

Charles Orwin, M.R.C.L.L.
Joseph Hobbins, M.D.
William Hobbins, M.D.
William Irwin, M.D.
J. W. Brown, M.D.
E. B. Wolcott, M.D.

INDIANA.

December, 1864.

William H. Wishard, M.D., South Port, Marion County, Indiana.

IOWA.

Dubuque, Iowa, Dec. 1863.

Joseph Sprague, M.D.
C. W. Belden, M.D.
John H. Lull, M.D.
Benj. McCluer, M.D.
James C. Lay, M.D.
R. B. Jennings, M.D.
R. S. Lewis, M.D.
John T. Luck, M.D., U. S. N.

Asa Horr, M.D.
Edw. C. David, P.M.
Edward Stinson,
C. H. Booth,
Geo. D. Lawrence,
H. A. Wiltse, Surveyor-Gen'l, Wis. and
Iowa,
W. M. Kerr.

Georgetown College, 1864.

John Early, President Georgetown College.
Leonard Nota, D.D., Professor in Georgetown College.
James Curley, " " "

Cleveland Medical College, 1864.

John Delamater, M.D.
I. P. Kirtland, M.D.
J. Lang Capels, M.D.

H. Kirke Cushing, M.D.
Alleyne Maynard, M.D.
Proctor Thayer, M.D.
D. H. Scott, M.D.

University of Michigan, 1864.

Geo. P. Williams, Prof. of Physics.
Jas. R. Boise, Prof. of Greek.
Henry S. Frieze, Prof. of Latin.
Jas. C. Watson, Prof. of Astronomy.
E. P. Evans, Professor of Modern Lan-
guages and Literature.

Edw. Olney, Prof. of Mathematics.
E. O. Haven, President of University of
Michigan.
L. D. Chapin, Prof. of Philosophy.
C. K. Adams, Acting Prof. of History.

* The above gentlemen comprise the Faculty of the Cleveland Medical College.

H. KIRKE CUSHING, Dean.

Dartmouth College, N. H., 1864.

Asa D. Smith, Pres. of Dartm'th Coll.	Chas. A. Aiken, Prof. of Latin.
O. P. Hubbard, Prof. of Chemistry.	Wm. A. Packard, Prof. of Greek.
Daniel J. Noyes, Prof. of Theology.	S. G. Brown, Prof. Natural Philosophy.
Edwin D. Sanborn, Prof. Rhetoric, &c.	George S. Morris, Tutor.

University of Rochester, 1864.

M. B. Anderson, President University of Rochester.
 A. C. Kendrick, Prof. of Greek.
 J. F. Richardson, Prof. of Latin, &c.
 J. T. Quimby, Prof. of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.
 S. S. Cutting, Prof. of Rhetoric and History.
 Henry A. Ward, Prof. of Natural Sciences.

And three hundred others, not received in time for insertion.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Concord, Dec., 1863.

Hon. E. H. Rollins, Representative in Congress from the 2d N. H. Dist.

DEAR SIR.—The undersigned, Physicians and Surgeons of Concord, N. H., beg leave to call your attention to the subject of the great discovery of Ether, as an Anæsthetic, made by Dr. Wm. T. G. Morton, of Boston, Mass. For a concise statement of facts in regard to the *discovery*, we refer you to the enclosed extracts, from a circular issued by the Morton Testimonial Association, composed of the most distinguished men of the Medical Profession in Boston; also, and more particularly, for full proof of what we conceive to be the *just* and even *legal*, but hitherto totally *unrequited*, claim of Dr. Morton on the Government of our country, we refer you to a Report made in the U. S. Senate, Feb. 14, 1863, by Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs. It is not only *unfortunate*, but we think *unjust*, that while our entire country, in its vast military and naval service, in its extensive hospital and private practice, and even the world at large, are constantly receiving the immense benefit of Dr. Morton's discovery, he should himself, *by that very means*, be made poor. But, under the circumstances, our own nation, availing itself as it does of the full benefit of his discovery, is, in our judgment, under a strong obligation to make him compensation. It appears from Mr. Wilson's able and conclusive report, that the *justice* and *validity* of Dr. Morton's claim have been established by a decision in the U. S. District Court in his favor, and repeatedly acknowledged by partial and incomplete legislation in both branches of Congress at various times—a bill for his relief having *twice* passed the Senate—and yet no appropriation or allowance in any form has been made by the Government for his benefit. But notwithstanding the long delay, we still cherish the hope that in his case justice, though *tardy*, may be *sure*; and to that end, confidently trusting your views will coincide with our own, we respectfully and earnestly ask your active exertions and influence in Congress to secure for Dr. Morton a substantial reward, or at the least a just and adequate remuneration for his losses in time, money, and professional business, resulting from that discovery which has unfortunately *impoverished* him, and at the same time conferred an *inestimable benefit* on mankind.

Ezra Carter, M.D.
Charles P. Gage, M.D.
A. H. Robinson,
William Prescott, M.D.
Thos. Chadbourne,
Wm. H. Smart,
Jas. F. Sargent,
Jesse P. Bancroft,

Barnard D. Eastman,
E. G. Moore,
James M. Moore,
T. Haynes,
S. L. F. Simpson,
A. A. Moulton,
Wm. B. Hidden,
G. P. Conn,

Chas A. Lockeryby,
H. G. McIntire,
B. S. Warren,
J. W. Little,
E. E. Worthen,
Wm. W. Fletcher,
E. G. Cummings.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 12th, 1863.

The undersigned, members of the Lawrence Medical Society, believing that Dr. William T. G. Morton, of Boston, first introduced the use of Ether by inhalation, and first demonstrated the fact that the human system can be safely reduced to a condition in which it becomes unconscious of the sufferings of disease, the pain of surgical operations, and the pangs of childbirth; and believing, also, that while

all mankind have been benefited, Dr. Morton has been a loser in a worldly point of view; and feeling, too, that the grateful sense entertained by our country of the benefit conferred by him should find expression from the United States Government, in a return to him of at least the expenditures which he has made in the introduction of Etherization, now so generally used in the Army and Navy, the blessings and benefits of which cannot be estimated in dollars and cents, urge upon our representatives in Congress the claims of Dr. Morton, which have been so fully investigated by the medical profession in Europe and America, and which he holds upon our nation; and that the justice so long denied him may be speedily bestowed.

G. W. Garland, M.D.
Wm. D. Lamb, M.D.
Geo. W. Sargent, M.D.
W. H. Burleigh, M.D.

J. H. Kiddler, M.D.
H. M. Whitney, M.D.
Seneca Sargent, M.D.
D. Dana, M.D.

Charles Clark, M.D.
Stephen Huse, M.D.

New Bedford, December 14th, 1863.

To Hon. T. D. Eliot, M. C., 1st District, Mass.

Sir,—We, the undersigned Physicians and Surgeons of New Bedford and Fairhaven, hereby express to you their convictions that Dr Wm. T. G. Morton is the discoverer of the practical application of Etherization for the relief of pain generally, and in surgical operations in particular;—that we consider it the most important discovery ever made in medicine, and one of the most important to the human race ever made by man; and we do most earnestly desire, as a matter of justice to Dr. Morton, that you will sustain and urge his application to the Government and Congress for remuneration, whenever it is presented, according to the best of your distinguished ability.

Aaron Cornish, M.D.
Lyman Bartlett, “

Andrew Mackie, M.D.
C. D. Stickney, “

William A. Gordon, M.D.
Edward P. Abbe, “

F. W. Hooper, M.D.

John H. Mackie, M.D.

South Danvers, Dec. 1863.

Believing that Dr. Wm. T. G. Morton, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, U. S. A., has been the ORIGINATING INSTRUMENTALITY of the introduction of “Anæsthesia,” or “relief from pain,” under disease and surgical operations, by the use of Ether and other like medicaments, now for fourteen years so generally resorted to throughout the world,—

We cheerfully subscribe our names as petitioners to our Senators and to our specific Representative in Congress, asking him and them to interest themselves in this subject of gratitude, and use what influence they may deem proper in securing from the Nation some remuneration to Dr. Morton, however inadequate it can only be, for the incalculable benefits he has thus conferred on mankind.

Geo. Osborne, M.D.

Joseph Osgood, M.D.

Sam'l F. Bachelder, M.D.

John M. Grosvenor, M.D.

} *Physicians and Surgeons at*
} *South Danvers, Mass.*

PENNSYLVANIA.

Williamsburg, Blair Co., Penn., Dec. 15th, 1863.

Dr. Feay is a brother-in-law of Archibald McAllister, the congressional Representative from this District, 17th Penn. I live five miles from Mr. McAllister, and am well acquainted with him. Should Dr. Morton show this to Mr. McAllister it may advance his interest, more than having it filled up with other signatures to present in the House.

Yours truly,

J. D. Ross, M.D.

Montrose, Pa., Jan. 8th, 1864.

At the Annual Meeting of the Susquehanna County Medical Society, held at this place on the 6th inst., it was unanimously

Resolved, That the President and Secretary, in behalf of this Society, append their names to the petition soliciting a suitable testimonial for Dr. Wm. T. G. Morton.

B. RICHARDSON, M.D., *President*.

E. L. GARDNER, *Secretary*.

MARYLAND.

Easton, Md., Dec. 16th, 1863.

Hon. J. A. J. Creswell:

Dear Sir.—The undersigned, Physicians of Talbot Co., respectfully petition that your attention may be directed, at the present session of Congress, towards procuring a suitable testimonial to Dr. W. T. G. Morton, of Mass.

The services which Dr. Morton has rendered the world by the discovery of an Anæsthetic, whereby the intense suffering attendant upon surgical operations may be relieved, are incalculable. And we trust that, following the example of other countries, an ample reward may be secured for the eminent services of Dr. Morton, and a nation's gratitude be expressed, especially at a time when the soldiers and sailors of the country are experiencing the benefit of his great discovery. It seems, also, to your petitioners, that some remuneration should *speedily* be rendered Dr. Morton, as he has spent his private fortune, and many years of his life, in labors which have resulted in the great benefit of suffering humanity, and from which he has as yet received no adequate advantage.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

HY. T. GOLDSBOROUGH, M.D.

SAML. HARPER, M.D.

JOHN KERR, M.D.

JOSEPH E. M. CHAMBERLAINE, M.D.

JAS. H. ANDERSON, M.D.

EDWD. JENKINS, M.D.

INDIANA.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

The undersigned, Physicians and Surgeons of the City of Fort Wayne, Ind., beg leave respectfully to represent, that we consider Dr. Wm. T. G. Morton, of Boston, justly entitled to compensation from Congress for his great discovery of the anæsthetic properties of Ether, and its first successful, practical application to this purpose; and we pray your honorable body to grant him such remuneration as is his just due.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 18, 1863.

T. P. McCullough, M.D.

G. T. Brasbook, M.D.

James W. Dailey, M.D.

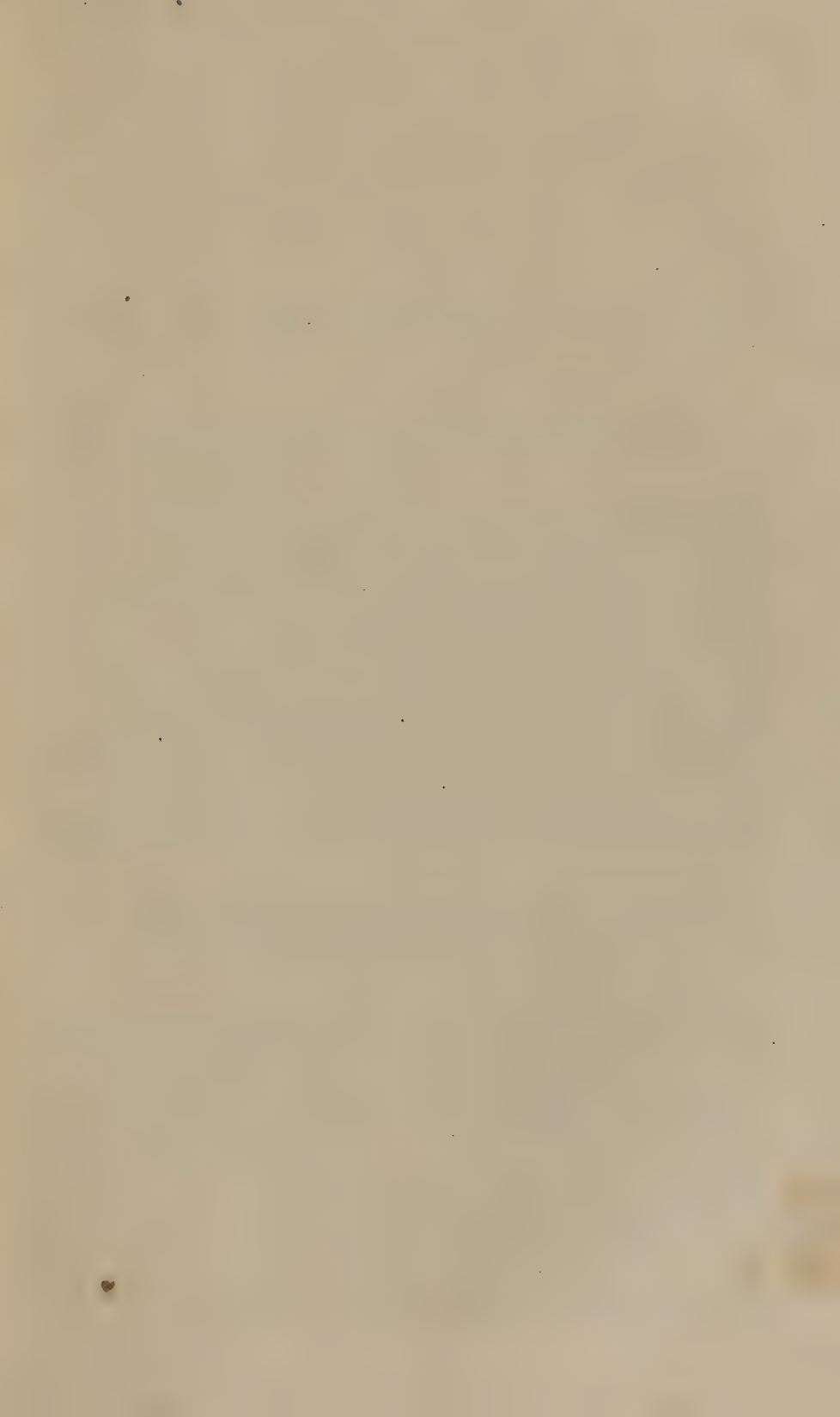
B. S. Woodworth, M.D.

John S. Irwin, M. D.

C. S. Smith, M. D.

A. J. Erwin, M. D.

J. Knapp, M. D.



PETITIONS

FROM THE

SURGEONS AND OFFICERS OF THE ARMY.*

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. S. in Congress assembled :

The undersigned, Surgeons and Officers of the Army and Navy and Volunteer Forces of the United States, hereby testify to your honorable body, that in almost the unanimous opinion of the Medical Profession of America, as well as of our National Government and competent institutions, Dr. Morton was the first to discover or demonstrate the great physiological fact that the human system is capable of being placed safely in a condition in which it becomes insensible to pain; and to prove the practicability and safety of Etherization, which directly led to the use of Chloroform and other Anæsthetic agents for the relief of human suffering. They beg leave earnestly to represent to Congress, that, in their opinion, the introduction of Anæsthetics would have been worth millions of money to the country during the present war could it have been no otherwise obtained, and that it is due to the character of a great people, whose soldiers have been so signally benefited by this discovery, that their representatives should express to Dr. Morton their gratitude for the benefit he has conferred upon his fellow countrymen, as well as upon all mankind, by some testimonial of a value adequate to the benefits which have been conferred, and the resources of the nation which has received them.

Feb. 4th, 1863.

D. C. Greenleaf, Assistant Surgeon 4th Iowa Infantry.

L. J. Whitfield, Hospital Steward 4th Iowa Infantry Volunteers.

J. G. Eckles, Chaplain 4th Iowa Infantry Volunteers.

Culpepper, Va., Jan. 28, 1864.

C. A. Wheeler, Asst. Surg. 12th Mass.

Chas. C. Wehrum, Adjt. 12th Mass.

Edwin Hazel, Captain 12th Mass.

J. B. Whitman, 1st Lieut. 12th Mass.

G. E. Muzzey, 1st Lieut. 12th Mass.

Frank B. Pratt, Captain 12th Mass.

E. J. Kidder, Lieut. 12th Mass.

Cornelius Batchelder, Lieut. 12th Mass.

Andrew J. Garey, Captain 12th Mass.

D. B. Burrill, Lt. 12th Mass.

J. A. Allen, Lt. 12th Mass.

Chas. W. Hastings, Capt. 12th Mass.

W. H. W. Hinds, Surgeon 12th Mass.

U. S. Marine Hospital, St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 30, 1864.

James H. Peabody, Surg. U. S. Vols. L. H. Callaway, A. A. Surg. U. S. A.

* Heads of Departments, Surgeon-General, Chief Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Surgeons of the Army and Navy, will be found in the Appendix to Senate Report, No. 39, 37th Congress, 3d Session, pp. 76 to 86.

Philadelphia, Feb. 8th, 1864.

Paul B. Goddard, Surgeon U. S. Vols.

J. A. Brady, Act. A. Surg. U. S. A., in charge Officers' Hospital, Louis- ville, Ky.	Jno. S. Logan, A. A. Surgeon U. S. A.
F. Meacham, Surg. U. S. V.	E. L. Morse, Captain 5th Ind. Cavalry.
F. M. Oakley, Asst. Surg. U. S. V.	Jos. A. Farnsworth, 1st Lt. 4th E. Tenn.
Frederick Schaefer, Capt. 73d P. V.	Henry H. Sutton, Capt. 34th Ken. Vol.
James S. Loper, Lieut. 127th Ill. Vol.	Everett G. Knapp, Lt. 25th Ill.
A. S. Stephens, Lt. 7th Infantry.	John A. Brewster, Capt. 63d Ind. Inf.
Lt. L. F. McCarty, 23d reg. I. C., U.S.A.	Henry A. Mitchell, Major Ind. Cav.
	John L. Bryan, A. A. Surg. U. S. A.
	R. A. Bell, A. A. Surg. U. S. A.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 30th, 1864.

J. S. Watts, Act. Surg. 4th Michigan Infantry.	O. S. Barrett, Lieut. 4th Michigan Vols.
Robert Le Baron, Ass't Surgeon,	Jerome Allen, Lieut. Co. G. 4th Mich. Vols.
John Seage, Chaplain 4th Michigan In- fantry.	George W. Lombard, Lieut.-Col Comd'g 4th Michigan Vol.
Robert Campbell, Lieut. & Q. M. 4th Michigan Vol.	Jairus W. Hall, Major 4th Mich. Vols.
Wm. C. Brown, Lieut. 4th Mich. Vol.	W. H. Loveland, Capt. 4th Mich. Vols.
John Rock, Capt. 22nd Mass.	James Bancroft, 1st Lieut. Co. H, 4th Michigan.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 1864.

C. W. Jones, Surg. U.S. Vols.	W. G. Small, Act. Ass't Surg. U.S. A.
E. E. Atkinson, Act. Ass't Surg. U.S. A.	H. M. Drach, Act. Ass't Surg. U.S. A.

Lynn, Mass., Jan. 1864.

B. B. Breed, Surgeon U.S. Vols.

*Headquarters Artillery Brigade,
5th Corps, Army of the Potomac,* }
Jan. 26th 1864.

John Bell,* Assistant Surgeon, U.S. Army.

*I most heartily and sincerely concur in every sentiment expressed above. I have used Anæsthetics in a great number of cases since I have been in the Army, and in some instances have performed operations successfully, which, without their aid, could not have been done.

There are hundreds of men in our armies to-day, who, but for the discovery of Dr. Morton, would not be there.

There is hardly a family in the country, but in the person of some of its members, is indebted to this blessed discovery. Our country is honored by the whole world as its birthplace.

February 31, 1864.

Norman Gay, Surg. U.S.V.
 P. N. Woods, 39 Iowa Inf. Sur. 2d Div.
 F. F. Randolph, Asst. Surg. 18th V.

J. L. Hoover, A. Asst. Surg. U.S.A.
 W. D. Craig, A. Asst. Sur. 9th Ill. Inf.
 J. C. Simonson, Asst. Sur. 66th Ind. Inf.

1864.

W. Nichols, Jr., M.D., Asst. Surgeon
 2d Mass. Infantry.
 A. W. Powers, Capt. 2d Mass. Inf.
 John F. George, Capt. 2d Mass. Inf.

James W. Cook, 1st Lieut. 2d Mass.
 C. W. Thomas, 2d Lieut. 2d Mass.
 E. A. Phalen, Capt. 2d Mass.

Louisville, Kentucky, Jan. 30, 1864.

R. C. Wood, A. Surg. Genl. U.S.A.
 Joseph B. Brown, Surg. U.S.A.
 F. L. Toun, Asst. Surgeon U.S.A.
 C. C. Gray, Asst. Surgeon U.S. Army.

C. C. Byrne, A. Surg. U.S.A.
 John W. Brewer, Asst. Surg. U.S.A.
 B. E. Fryer, Asst. Surgeon U.S.A.
 John A. Osterlang, A. A. S. U.S.A.

U. S. General Hospital, Mound City, Illinois, Jan. 31, 1864.

H. Wardner, Surg. U.S.V., in charge
 of hospital.
 A. H. Kellogg, M.D., A.A. Sur. U.S.A.
 J. A. C. McCoy, M.D., A. A. Surg.
 U.S.A.

C. H. Vaill. A. A. Surgeon U.S.A.
 Wm. N. McCoy, A. A. Surg. U.S.A.
 John Sartorius, Hos. Steward U.S.A.
 Cornelius A. Groot, Med. Cadet U.S.A.

Philadelphia, 1864.

Chas. O'Leary, Surgeon U.S.V., Med. Director 6th Corps.

Washington, D. C., 1864.

J. C. McKee, Asst. Surgeon U.S.A.,
 in charge of Lincoln Hospital.
 H. M. Dean, M.D.
 W. F. Peck, M.D.
 A. M. Allen, M.D.
 A. M. Plant, M.D.

Henry E. Paine, M.D.
 John Stark, M.D.
 H. C. Burritt, M.D.
 Jno. G. Walcott, M.D.
 H. Allen, M.D.

The above gentlemen constitute the Staff of Lincoln Hosp., Washington, D. C

Fort Slocum, D. C., 1864.

John J. Meigs, Assistant Surg. 1st H.
 Artillery,
 Edward P. Lee, Capt. 1st H. Artil.
 Aldan F. Walker, Capt.
 E. B. Parker, Lieut.
 Robinson Templeton, Capt.
 Orlo H. Austin, 1st Lieut. 1st H. Art.

Wm. Goodrich, Capt.
 Chas. Hunsdon, Maj. 1st H. Artil.
 Chas. J. Lewis, 1st Lt. 1st H. Artil.
 J. R. Maxham, 1st Lt. 1st H. Artil.
 Eli R. Hart, 2d Lt. 1st H. Artil.
 Geo. G. Tilden, 1st Lt. 1st H. Artil.

Cincinnati, O., Feb., 1864.

A. J. Slemmer, Brig. Gen. U.S.V.

J. F. Head, Surgeon U.S. Army.

1864.

R. Murray, Surgeon U.S. Army.

Baltimore, Md., 1864.

Thomas Hewson Bache, Surgeon U.S. Vols.

*Headquarters 1st Brigade (Regulars), }
2d Div., 5th Corps, 1864.*

Samuel A. Storrow, Assistant Surgeon U.S.A. Surgeon-in-Chief 1st Brigade (Regulars), 2d Div., 5th Corps, Army of the Potomac.

*Hospital.—Camp Parole, near Annapolis, Md., }
January 29th, 1864.*

James W. Pittman, Surgeon U.S. V.

Andrew McLetchie, Assistant Surgeon 79th N. Y. S. M.

B. F. Banby, M.D.

Annapolis, Md., 1864.

B. Howard, Assistant Surgeon U.S.A.

Philadelphia, Jan. 26, 1864.

B. Knickerbocker, Assistant Surgeon U.S. Army.

Edward L. Duer, A. Assistant Surgeon U.S. Army.

Philadelphia, Pa., 1863.

D. Kennedy, Act. Ass't Surg. U.S.A.

L. K. Baldwin, Act. Ass't Surg. U.S.A.

F. L. O. Ræmber, Act. Ass't Surg. U.S.A.

Edward Stonor, Act. Surg. U.S.A.

M. Lampen, Act. Ass't Surg. U.S.A.

E. Dyer, Act. Ass't Surg. U.S.A.

W. West, A. Ass't Surgeon U.S. Army.

James H. Hutchinson, Act. Ass't Surg. U.S. Army.

H. H. Norwood, Ass't Surg. U.S.A.

M. J. Grier, Act. Ass't Surg. U.S. A.

S. G. Minassian, Act. Ass't Surg. U.S. Army.

J. H. Dixon, Act. Ass't Surg. U.S.A.

Elisha Crowell, Act. Ass't Surg. U.S.A.

James Williams, Act. Ass't Surg. U.S. Army.

Joseph B. Roe, Act. Ass't Surg. U.S. A.

M. W. Richards, Act. Ass't Surg. U.S. Army.

Camp 9th Mass. Vols., January 26th, 1864.

P. R. Quincy, Colonel 9th Mass. and commanding 2d brigade.

James F. Sullivan, Surgeon 9th Regiment Mass. Vols.

M. W. Phalen, Adjutant 9th Mass.

Every officer of this regiment would gladly recommend this petition if time were allowed to present it to them.

J. F. SULLIVAN, Surgeon.

Washington, D.C., 1864.

W. H. Lincoln, Surg. 7th Mass. Vols.

Thomas D. Johns, Col. 7th Mass. Vols.

D. C. Bancroft, Capt. 7th Mass. Vols.

Ward L. Foster, Capt. 7th Mass. Vols.

E. N. Dean, Adjutant 7th Mass.

J. W. Thompson, A. R. Q. M. 7th M. V.

Henry W. Nichols, 1st Lt. 7th M. V.

G. G. Bliss, Capt. 7th Mass. Vols.

W. H. Gurney, Capt. 7th Mass. Vols.

Wright Bisbee, Capt. 7th Mass. Vols.

Isaac W. Giles, 2d Lt. 7th Mass. Vols.

Christopher C. Weston, Capt. 7th M.V.

Chas. B. Hathaway, 2d Lt., 7th M. V.

Geo. M. Hatch, 2d Lieut. 7th Mass.

Leonard Hathaway, 1st Lieutenant 7th Mass. Vols.

Camp in the Field, January 29th, 1864.

George W. Tower, jr., Assistant Surg. 24th Michigan Vols.

Wm. Hutchinson, Capt. 24th Michigan Vols

Wm. W. Wight, Capt. Co. K, 24th Mich.

Geo. Hatton, Capt. Co. E, 24th Mich. Vols.

Wm. R. Dodsley, Lt. 24th Michigan.

Geo. W. Burcher, Capt. Co. B, 24th Michigan.

Alexandria, Va., January 30th, 1864.

Charles Page, Surgeon U. S. A.
 W. Leon Hammond, M. D., Acting
 Assistant Surgeon U. S. A.
 Charles W. Koechling, Acting Assis't
 Surgeon U. S. A.

Richard E. Price, Acting Assistant
 Surgeon U. S. A.
 James Robertson, Acting Assistant Sur-
 geon U. S. A.
 D. T. Brown, Act. Ass't Surg. U. S. A.

Washington, D. C., 1864.

Franklin Grube, Assistant Surgeon
 U. S. Vols.
 Theodore H. Cooper, Acting Assistant
 Surgeon U. S. A.

Joseph Taylor, Acting Assistant Sur-
 geon U. S. A.
 John J. Linson, Assistant Surgeon 6th
 N. Y. Artillery.

Washington, D. C., February, 1864

Lieut. Col. J. B. Parsons, commanding
 10th Mass. Vols.
 D. F. Parker, Major 10th Mass. Vols.
 Charles H. Brewster, 1st Lieut. and
 Adjutant.
 A. S. Man ir, 1st Lieut. and R. Q. M.,
 10th Mass. Vols.
 John H. Gilman, Assistant Surgeon.
 W. Arthur Ashley, 1st Lieut. 10th
 Mass Vols.
 Mark H. Cotrell, 1st Lieut. Co. D,
 10th Mass. Vols.
 Charles H. Knapp, 2d Lieut., Co. A,
 10th Mass. Vols.
 Homer G. Gilmore, Captain Co. D,
 10th Mass. Vols.
 G. W. B gelow, Capt. Co. F, 10th M.V.
 James H. Weatherill, Captain Co. C,
 10th Mass. Vols.

Edwin Whitney, 1st Lieut. 10th Mass.
 Vols.
 Edward H. Grand, 1st Lieut. 10th
 Mass. Vols.
 Geo. Pierce, Captain 10th Mass. Vols.
 George W. Potter, jr., 2d Lieut. 10th
 Mass. Vols.
 E. T. Johnson, Captain Co. K, 10th
 Mass Vols.
 Edwin L. Knight, Captain, 10th Mass.
 Vols.
 Simeon N. Eldridge, 2d Lieut, 10th
 Mass. Vols.
 L. Oscar Eaton, 1st Lieut. 10th Mass.
 Vols.
 Wm. Streeter, Captain, Co. B.
 Willard I. Bishop, Captain 10th Mass.
 Vols.
 F. B. Perkins, Chaplain.

Washington, D. C., 1864.

Thomas Sherwin, jr., Lieut.-Col. com-
 manding. 22d Mass. Infantry.
 Fred. S. Benson, Lieut. and Adjutant,
 22d Mass. Vols.
 Fred. R. Field, Captain 22d Mass. In-
 fantry.
 Wm. D. Hatch, Capt. 22d Mass. Vols.
 Winsor M. Ward, 1st Lt. 2d Co. S. S.
 Wm. H. Steele, 1st Lieut. 22d Mass.
 Regiment.

Robert T. Bourne, 1st Lieut. 22d Mass.
 Regiment.
 George W. Roby, 1st Lieut. 22d Mass.
 Regiment.
 Benjamin W. Tucker, Captain 22d
 Mass. Regiment.
 Lieut. Nathaniel Fleming, 22d Mass.
 Regiment.
 Mason W. Burt, Major, 22d M. Vols.
 G. T. Perkins, Ass't Surg. 22d M. V.

Headquarters, 1st Brigade, 1st Division, }
1st Army Corps, Jan. 29th, 1864. }

Henry A. Morrow, Col. 24th Michigan
 Vols., commanding Brigade.
 J. D. Wood, Captain and Assistant
 Adjutant General.
 R. S. Dillon, Captain and Acting As-
 sistant I. G.

O. H. Strong,
 Thomas H. S. Stilson.
 Erskine Wood.
 J. H. Beech, Surgeon in Chief of 1st
 Brigade, &c.
 D. B. Daily, Lt. and Act'g Ass't D. C.

Alexandria, Va., 1864.

Edward Brooks, Assistant Surgeon U. S. Army.

Washington, D. C., 1864.

J. H. Baxter, Surgeon U. S. V.

Washington, D. C., 1864.

W. H. Willaur, Surgeon 1st Rhode Island Cavalry. Augustin A. Mann, Assistant Surgeon 1st Rhode Island Cavalry.

Washington, D. C., 1864.

Jos. S. Gage, Lt.-Col. 29th Mo. Vols., and A. A. L. Gen. 1st Div. 15th A.C. J. B. Springer, Capt. Co. D. 4th Iowa.
S. D. Nichols, Maj. commd'g 4th Iowa Veteran Infantry. J. Eden, 1st Lieut. and Adjutant 4th Iowa.
A. N. Simler, Capt. 4th Iowa. M. W. Robbins, Surg. 4th Iowa Infan'y.
A. L. Kidder, Lieut. 4th Iowa.

Camp near Brandy Station, Va., 1864.

L. D. Miller, Ass't. Surg. in charge 1st N. J. Vols. A. M. Way, Major 1st N. Y. Vols.
Wm. Henry, Lieut.-Col. commanding 13th Infantry. Isaac L. F. Elkin, Adjutant 1st N. J. Infantry.
R. B. Gard, Chaplain 1st N. J. Vols.

1864.

Sam'l S. Jessop, A.A.S., U.S.A. J. Z. Hall, A.A. Surg. U.S.A.
Ira Impcy, A.A.S., U.S.A. F. DeWint, A.A. Surg. U.S.A.
Henry H. Ruger, Med. Cadet, U.S.A. B. Johnson, A.A. Surg. U.S.A.
J. E. Wilson, A.A.S., U.S.A. W. M. Dorean, A.A.S. U.S.A.
J. S. Bell, A.A.S., U.S.A. B. J. D. Irwin, Surg. U.S. Army, Sup't
Jennet Wright, Asst. Surg. U.S.A. U.S. Gen. Hospital.
J. M. Study, Asst. Surg. U.S. Vols.

West Creek, West Virginia, Feb. 14th, 1864.

John M. Robinson, Surgeon U.S.V. Medical Director, 2d Division.
D. Baguley, Surg. 1st West Va. Vols., Act. Med. Direct. 2d Brigade.
W. B. Crain, Act. Surg. Ringgold Batt. Penn. Cavalry.
John S. Taylor, 1st Asst. Surg. 23d Illinois Vols., Act. Surg.
C. M. Stinson, 2d Asst. Surg. 23d Illinois Vols.
J. English, Asst. Surg. 1st Virginia Vols.
David Shanor, Asst. Surg. 4th West Virginia Cavalry.

1864.

Cyrus S. Mann, Asst. Surg. 6th Mass. Cavalry.

Folly Island, S. C., Feb. 7th, 1864.

Burt S. Wilder, Asst. Surg. 55th Mass. L. I.

Vicksburg, Feb. 11, 1863.

Wm. W. Nelson, Asst. Surg. 15th Iowa, in charge 1st Div. Pioneer Corps.

Warsaw, 1864.

Edw. R. Parks, M.D.
T. Davenport, M.D.

H. M. Cowgill, M.D.
W. H. Davenport, M.D.

S. C. Sapp, M.D.

Cincinnati, 1864.

E. J. Bonnie, M.D., Surgeon 2d Mich. Inf'y.
H. A. Cleland, Asst. Surg. 2d Mich. Inf'y.
R. S. Vickey, Asst. Surgeon 2d Mich. Vols.

Maryville, 1864.

Wm. Brownell, Surg. 2d Mich. Cav.
Edwin C. Bidwell, Surg. 31st Mass. Vols. (6th Mass. Cavalry.)
Samuel A. Green, Surg. 24th Mass. Vols.
Lucius B. Smith, Surg. 7th Regt. Minn. Vols.

*Hd. Qrs. Med. Dept. 34th Iowa Vols.,
Coast of Texas.*

Victor H. Coffman, Surg. 34th Iowa Vols.

Warren S. Dungan, Lieut. Col. Commanding 34th Iowa Vols.

Wm. W. Bryant, Adjt.

James A. Danagan, Capt. Co. B.

Nelson B. Gardner, Capt. Co. E.

Wm. Boyle, Capt. Co. K.

Bertrand Rockwell, Capt. Co. G.

Ebenezer Hering, Capt. Co. H.

J. S. Clark, Capt. Co. C.

Robert E. Martin, 1st Lieut. Co. C.

John M. Lee, Capt. Co. D.

J. R. Waters, Capt. Co. A.

John B. Hatton, 1st Lieut. Co. F.

John O. Coles, 1st Lieut. Co. K.

F. Nolen, 1st Lieut. Co. E.

John Chaney, 2d Lieut. Co. K.

Thomas Ward, Capt. Co. I.

J. T. Meek, 2d Lieut. Co. C.

S. L. Dilley, 1st Lieut. Co. D.

A. B. Swift, 2d Lieut. Co. D.

Memphis, Tenn., 1864.

J. M. Mack, Surgeon, 118th Ill. Infantry.

L. B. Brown, Asst. Surg.

Geo. B. Hagg, Colonel,

Cephas Williams, Major.

John G. Woodruff, Capt. Co. G.

Jas. J. Conway, 1st Lieut. Co. G.

A. M. Baird, 1st Lieut. Co. A.

A. W. Beckett, Capt. Co. B.

John Jeffcoat, Lieut. Co. B.

B. Sutherland, Capt. Co. H.

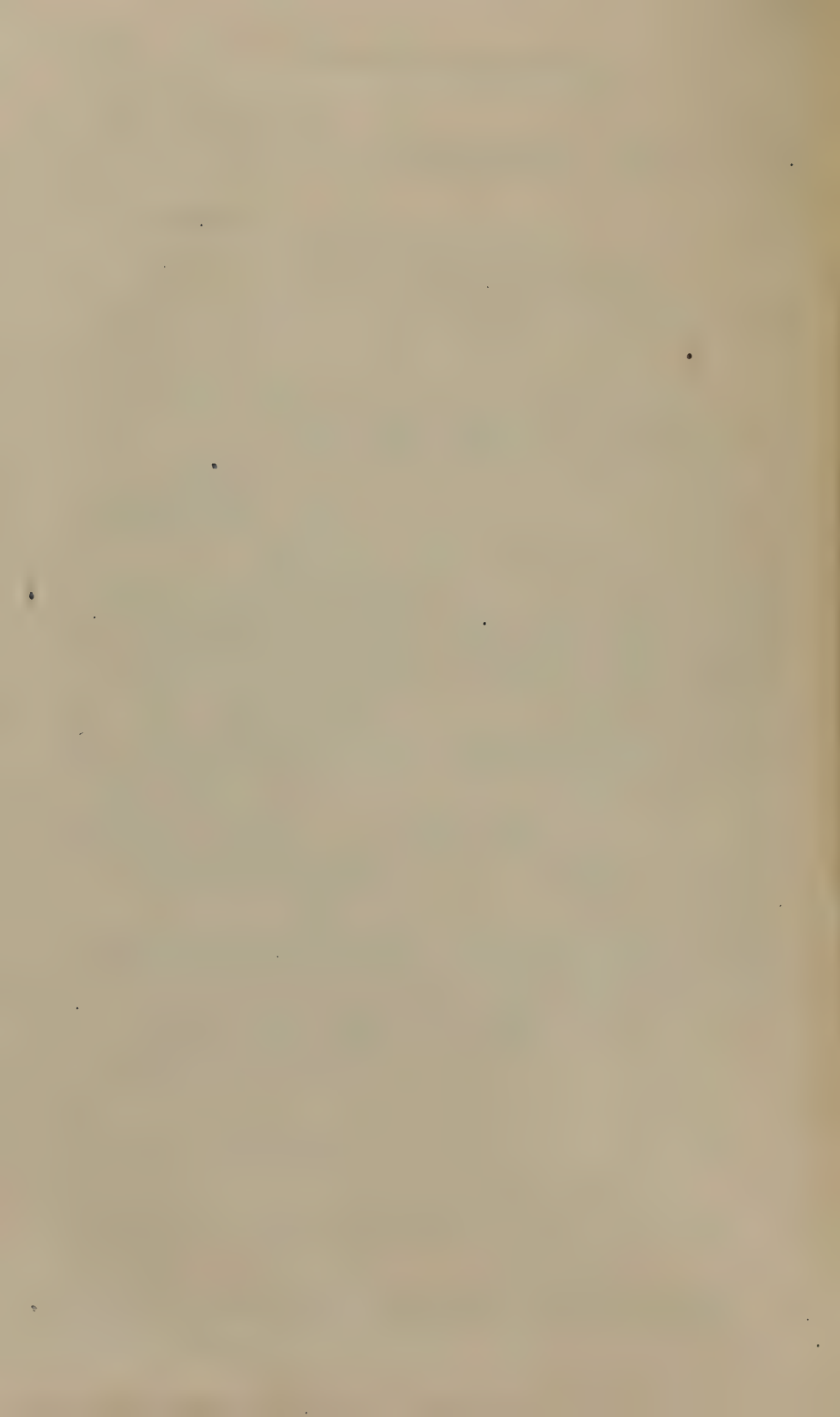
A. C. Cowgill, 2d Lieut. Co. H.

John G. Day, Lieut. Co. E.

C. A. Chatfield, 2d Lieut. Co. E.

John J. Lord, 1st Lieut. and Adjutant.

And five hundred others, not received in time for insertion.



PETITIONS FROM WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. S. in Congress assembled.

The undersigned are Soldiers of the Army of the United States, who have been wounded in battle, and who have been treated by Anæsthetic remedies, both during the performance of surgical operations, and for the prevention of suffering, under a variety of circumstances. It is impossible in words to express the depth of gratitude they feel to Dr. WM. T. G. MORRIS, to whom they owe the wonderful discovery, which has been the means of their unspeakable relief from pain as well as of their preservation from death. We cannot ourselves reward our benefactor as he deserves, but we earnestly pray that a grateful country may, by some substantial and liberal testimonial, repay some part of the debt which the Soldiers of the country feel that they owe him.

Alexandria, Va., 1864.

O. H. Clark,	Briot Charles,	Richard A. Charles,
Eugene Paine,	Wm. J. Riley,	John C. Russell,
E. Aderhold,	John Markine,	Stephen Badgley.

U. S. Marine Hospital, St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 31, 1864.

2nd Lieut. J. W. Baker,	W. B. Vaden,	Robert Ralston,
1st Sergt. M. C. Stover,	John Grant,	John Reed.
Joshua. Wm. Wood, 13th	Patrick Byrne,	
Regt. Ill. Vols.	Francis Klous,	

Philadelphia, Pa. 1864.

Benton Drake,	Morton Gale,	John Sheridan,
Lionel Chapman,	Chas. Durkin,	Joseph Hurde,
Lewis Winter,	Richard Gennet,	James Reeves,
Wm. L. Higby,	Wm. S. Ritner,	Amos Guert,
Joseph Baldus,	John Nipe,	Wm. A. Hannabery,
Aaron Bradshower,	Bernard Hart,	Pennington Vankirk,
Wm. Neveling,	Ewd. O'Donnell,	Thos. Moore,
Jonathan J. Davis,	Thomas J. Crout,	Benj. F. Nuell,
David H. Reed,	Miles Swape,	Dennis Clark,
F. B. Ward,	Wells G. Nash,	Jas. A. Bennet.
Zec. Hoffman,	William Fern,	

U. S. Gen. Hospital, Mound City, Ill., Jan. 31st, 1864.

Samuel Elwood,	John Dugan,	George Ernest,
Robert Spooner,	Anthony Metger,	Henry Pust.

Lincoln Hospital, Washington, D. C., 1864.

Henry L. Anthony, Corporal Co. A., 7th Mich. Cav.
 George W. Hilton, Sergeant Co. C., 16th Mich. Inft.
 Richd. Hanlon, Private Co. C., 5th U. S. Cavalry.
 Haskell Coats, Private Co. G., 6th U. S. Cavalry.
 Thomas L. Mott, Bugler, Battery C., 5th U. S.
 John T. Schroder, Private Co. C., 3d Ind. Cavalry.
 Frank H. Shaffer, Private Co. H., 2d U. S. Infantry.

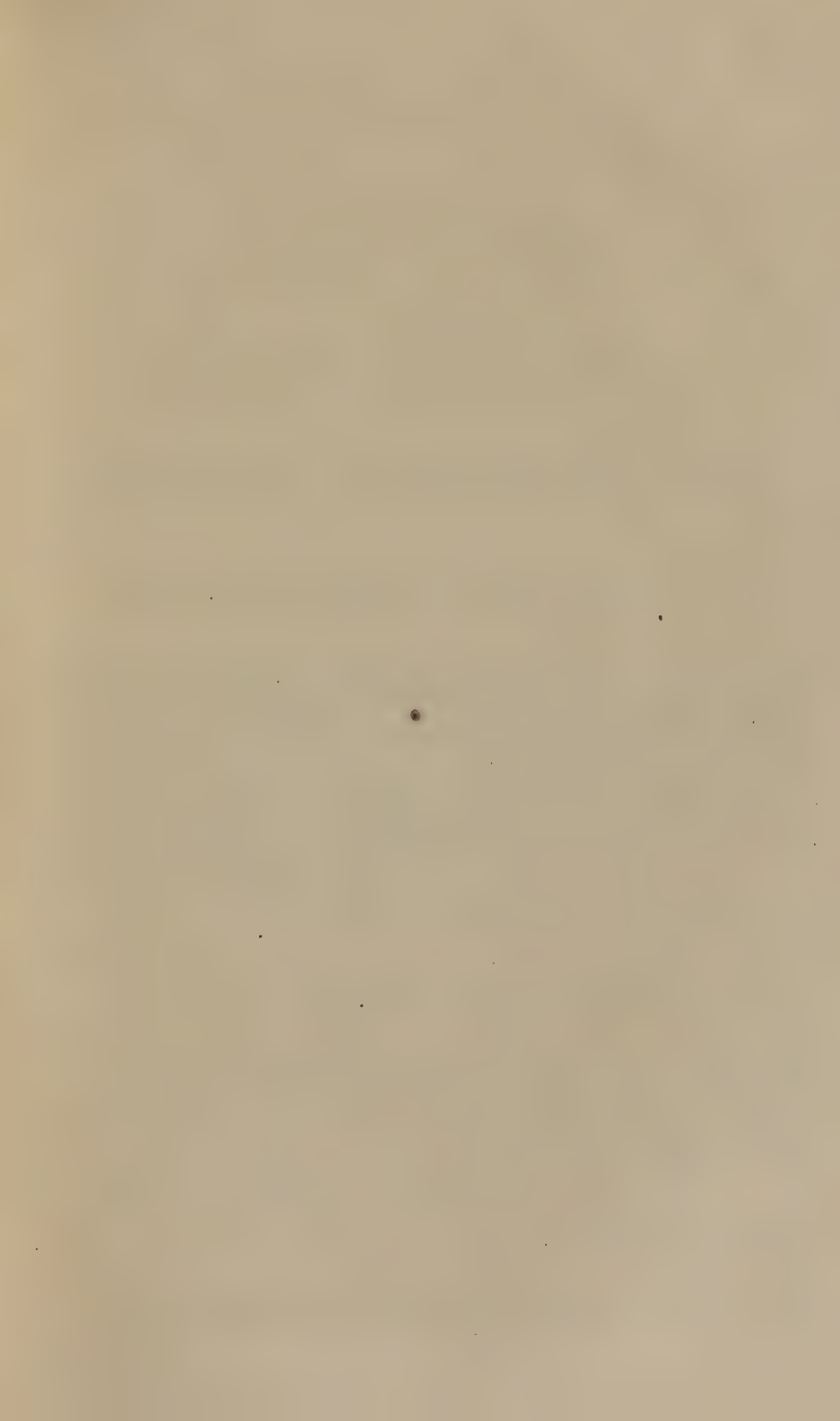
Washington, D. C., 1864.

Joseph D. Callehan,
 Oscar B. Cummings,
 J. W. Harding,

Samuel Thompson,
 Nathaniel Perry,
 Albert Felds,

James Benson,
 Edward K. Buker.

And one thousand others, not received in time for insertion.





LETTERS

IN SUPPORT OF

AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE USE OF ANÆSTHETICS

FROM

EMINENT SCIENTIFIC MEN.

Letter from Thomas Hill, D.D., LL.D., Pres. of Harv. Univ.

Cambridge, Feb. 11, 1864.

HON. SAMUEL HOOPER.

My Dear Sir,—I have just signed a petition to Congress, and to the New England Delegation; and knowing that you have had some recent reason to fear lest I signed what I had not read, I venture to add this note, saying that I have read the petition in behalf of Dr. Morton carefully. This is certainly not a time when the Treasury of the United States can afford heavy drains; but Dr. Morton's services to the human race certainly seem to me worthy of a grateful appreciation by all people, and especially by his own nation, at a time when his services are brought into unusual demand, and their great value in lessening pain, and saving life, are made so strikingly manifest.

I cannot but hope that Congress will, even now, do justice to one who has waited so many years to receive it.

Very sincerely yours,

THOMAS HILL.

Letter from Professor Benjamin Pierce, LL.D.

Harvard College, July 10, 1863.

HON. HENRY WINTER DAVIS, &c.

My Dear Sir,—I desire to urge upon you to give the case of Dr. Morton the benefit of your generous eloquence and powerful influence. America has been too backward in rewarding the discoverers of the anæsthetic agencies. There have been conflicting claims, but those of Dr. Morton seem at length to be established above all others; and I hope that you will feel that his claims deserve the immediate and full recognition by Congress in the most substantial form.

Very faithfully and respectfully,

Your obedient servant and sincere friend,

BENJAMIN PEIRCE.

NOTE.—Letters from Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and other large cities, enforcing this appropriation, are to be found in Appendix to Senate Report, No. 89, 37th Congress, 3d session, pp. 69 to 72, and 86 to 96.

From Professor Emory Washburn, LL.D.

Cambridge, Feb. 11, 1864.

HON. E. B. WASHBURN.

My Dear Sir,—Dr. Morton is an applicant before Congress for some significant memorial of the obligation the world, and especially our own country, is under to him for his discovery of the application of etherization to the human system. It is certainly most remarkable that a discovery so invaluable to the race has so long been suffered to remain unremunerated in the country whereof its discoverer is a citizen, and whose inventors are supposed to be so liberally protected and rewarded. His friends in this part of the country think this ought not to be, and hope that Congress will at last do him an act of justice; and I venture to ask your influence in his favor. I have no occasion to add more, for I doubt not you are familiar with the subject of his claim; and will only add that I am,

Very truly, your obedient servant,

EMORY WASHBURN.

From Professor F. J. Child.

Cambridge, Feb. 10, 1864.

MR. CHARLES SEDGWICK, M. C.

My Dear Sir,—I am sorry to say that I am not personally acquainted with many of the Massachusetts Delegation in Congress, though I have used my little influence to have men sent who *might be known* all the country over. Dr. Morton, whose claims to public attention and the gratitude of the world no unprejudiced and well-informed man can fail to feel, has asked me to give him a line to you, in the hope that you might lend your aid in securing him tardy justice. I need not say one word in presenting his case, because you know his deserts. Surely there never was a more favorable time than the present for urging Dr. Morton's rights and wrongs on the attention of a sluggish Government. Ten thousand of soldiers are his witnesses.

Excuse the liberty I have taken; to you I know that my note is already too long.

Yours faithfully ever,

F. J. CHILD.

From Professor Joel Parker, LL.D.

Cambridge, February 17, 1864.

HON. J. A. McDougall.

Dear Sir,—My fellow townsman, Dr. William T. G. Morton, is asking from Congress some recognition of his merits, as the originator of the discovery of the use of ether and chloroform in dental and surgical operations, and some reward for the great benefit which the United States have, for the last three years, derived from that discovery.

Will you permit me to introduce the consideration of his claims to your attention.

With great respect,

Very truly yours,

JOEL PARKER.

*From Professor E. N. Horsford.**Cambridge, Feb. 18, 1864.*

HON. IRA HARRIS, U. S. SENATE.

My Dear Sir:—I beg to say to you, that I have most carefully examined the literature of Etherization, and have become fully satisfied of the claims of Dr. Morton to the distinction of having conferred this great gift on mankind.

It would, it seems to me, be a most judicious step for the National Congress to recognize in the most substantial manner the claims of Dr. Morton to a nation's gratitude.

If it were only to the suffering relieved in this war, there can scarcely be an over-estimate of the indebtedness to him; but his perseverance through all obstacles resulted in a discovery of infinite value for all time.

I scarcely know a person here who would not rejoice to hear that Congress had given Dr. Morton a quarter of a million dollars in recognition of his great services to our country and mankind.

I am, very truly yours,

E. N. HORSFORD.

MAINE.

*Rockland, Dec. 25, 1863.**Dr. John Ware, Boston:*

Dear Sir:—I received your circular, and have not got so many names as I could, but what I have are among our most influential men in wealth, business, and politics.

I was away when our city council last met, or I would have got them to have given an expression of *their wishes* for a token of national gratitude for so great a boon to humanity as Dr. Morton's. I hope something will be done for him.

"The home of the free" has been backward in rewarding scientific merit.

Respectfully yours,

T. FRYE, M.D.

*Portland, Dec. 28, 1863.**Hon. L. D. M. Sweat, M. C., Washington, D. C.:*

Dear Sir:—Documents will be presented to you proving the claim of Dr. W. T. G. Morton for remuneration for his discovery of the anæsthetic properties of ether. The benefit of this discovery cannot be estimated.

Your co-operation in securing for him a suitable testimonial is earnestly solicited by your obedient servant,

E. CLARK, M.D.

*Bangor, Me., Dec. 14, 1863.**Dr. J. Ware, Boston, Mass.*

Dear Sir:—I duly received the favor of Dr. Morton's "Testimonial Association," and should have handed it to some other gentleman known to the Representatives of this State in the National Congress, only I thought, that, as a British doctor, I might offer a few remarks on the subject of Morton's discovery and claims.

"Base envy withers at another's joy,
And hates the excellence it cannot reach."

Apropos, it was a very great glory for Dr. Morton to have discovered the happy anæsthetic virtues of Ether, and no doubt there are numbers who "envy" him this, and would do much to rob him of the advantages. And as the public perception is somewhat blunted by so many spurious pretences on all subjects, it is just possible that the present discovery has been very industriously classified with *nostrums* of all kinds. But it is only in this very busy, practical, dollar-making country that the like of this could happen.

In proud old Europe, the discoverer of a blessing, only commensurate with "suffering humanity," would not be long allowed to waste his private means and consume his soul in disappointed ambition; he should have an adequate pension, and a title from his grateful *State*, to whose glory he had so greatly contributed.

I am, sir, with respect,

Yours very truly,

P. E. McKEON, M.D.

Bangor, Me., Dec. 26, 1863.

Hon. J. H. Rice :

*My Dear Sir :—*From a perusal of the late Congressional Report and other publications, I am convinced that Dr. Wm. T. G. Morton, of Boston, discovered Etherization, and introduced it to the knowledge of mankind. To this laudable work he devoted many years of his life, and expended a fortune which he had inherited; and although he obtained a patent for the discovery of the anæsthetic properties of Ether, yet, from the nature of the case, he could never realize any compensation. The Government has freely used this agent without money and without price in its Army and Navy, and particularly during the present war; and it would seem to be, under the circumstances, only a simple act of justice for Congress to recognize the distinguished services of Dr. Morton, and make an appropriation sufficiently large to remunerate him at least for the time and money expended to promote the permanent welfare of mankind. Any aid you can render to secure the desired appropriation, would gratify

Your friend and constituent,

J. C. WESTON, M.D.

VERMONT.

Thetford, Vt., Dec. 17, 1863.

Hon. Justin S. Morrill :

*Dear Sir :—*Allow me, as one of your constituents, and a member of the medical profession, to request your earnest attention to the claim of Dr. William T. G. Morton for compensation for the discovery, and gift to his country and the world, of anæsthesia by means of Sulphuric Ether, and other similar agents. I believe you will find, upon careful examination, that the justice of his claim to such compensation has been established beyond all reasonable question before the medical faculty of Boston, New York and Philadelphia, and before three several committees of Congress.

The value of the discovery to our country in its present struggle is inestimable; and I feel assured that you will not fail to do what you can, through your vote and your influence, to reward one who has done so much and suffered so much in introducing and establishing the efficiency and the safety of anæsthetic agents.

Very respectfully and truly yours,

E. C. WORCESTER, M. D.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*Newport, N. H., Dec. 22d, 1863.**Hon. James W. Patterson :*

*Sir :—*This is to introduce Dr. Wm. T. G. Morton of Boston, who first demonstrated by experiment that the human system could be rendered insensible to pain by Sulphuric Ether, while undergoing any surgical operation. You will confer a favor by assisting him with your influence in obtaining a substantial testimonial from Congress of their appreciation of the importance of his discovery to all who are obliged to submit to what would have been, previous to his discovery, painful operations.

THOMAS SANBORN, M.D.

SHEPHERD L. BOWERS, M.D.

*Peterborough, N. H., Jan. 25, 1864.**Hon. J. W. Patterson :*

*Dear Sir :—*I have been desired to express my opinion to you in regard to the discovery of the anæsthetic properties of Ether by Dr. W. T. G. Morton. I have for many years taught, in my lectures before the Dartmouth Medical College, that Dr. Morton, and he alone, was the discoverer of the anæsthetic virtues of Ether, and that to him alone belonged the credit of it. It would be no more than common justice for the nation, which is so greatly indebted to him, to make an adequate compensation for the same. As for gratitude for great discoveries, it never comes till it can do the discoverer no good.

Yours very respectfully,

ALBERT SMITH, M.D.,

Professor Dartmouth College.

To the Hon. John P. Hale, and the Hon. Daniel Clark, United States Senators from New Hampshire, and Hon. E. H. Rollins, House of Representatives.

*Gentlemen :—*The claim of Dr. William T. G. Morton to the invention, discovery and introduction of the use of ETHER in bringing the human system to a condition in which it becomes unconscious of the sufferings of pain incident to surgical operations, &c., has been established to the satisfaction of every thinking and unprejudiced mind.

And as he has been at a vast and ruinous expense in investigating the subject, and introducing it to the relief of suffering humanity, and as the nature of the article is such as to preclude the possibility of preventing the violation of his patent, and as that right has been violated with impunity, not only by the world at large, but by the U. S. Government, in the thousands of operations in our army and navy, to the inestimable relief of our suffering wounded officers and soldiers, and doubtless to the preservation of very many valuable lives; it appears not only reasonable, but justice to Dr. Morton seems to demand, that the Government should grant to him some adequate relief toward remunerating him for his time and expense in introducing to the world such an invaluable discovery.

I am sure you will but reflect the opinion and wishes of the medical profession generally, by using your influence and votes in the adoption of such measures as will give to Doctor Morton adequate compensation for his zeal and sacrifice in so laudable an object.

Having the whole subject before you, I can but confidently hope and believe that you will give it your candid attention, and vote such a sum as you in your wisdom and discretion may deem just and equitable; in doing which you will not only relieve Dr. Morton from embarrassment and despondency, but highly gratify his numerous sympathizing friends—who look upon Dr. Morton as an injured fellow-citizen—among whom may be numbered

Your friend and fellow-citizen,

WILLIAM PRESCOTT, M.D.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 8, 1863.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Groton, Dec. 18, 1863.

Hon. George S. Boutwell

Dear Sir :—Being fully satisfied of the justice of the claim which Dr. Wm. T. G. Morton, of Boston, has upon the United States Government for a return of the expenditures that he has made in the introduction of *Etherization*, and the demonstration of the fact that the human system can be safely reduced to a condition in which it becomes unconscious of pain, allow me to urge you to do all you can to have Congress suitably reward him for a discovery of such vast benefit to the whole civilized world.

Yours truly,

M. SPAULDING, M.D.

Chatham, Mass., Dec. 12, 1863.

Hon. T. D. Eliot, M. C. :

Dear Sir :—An effort is organized for the purpose of giving a testimonial to Dr. Morton, who first introduced Ether to the public, in relieving the pains of surgical operations, the benefit of which cannot be estimated even to our soldiers in this war; and we hope that Congress will do what is just and right in aid of Dr. Morton.

Respectfully yours,

E. W. CARPENTER, M.D.

Hon. George S. Boutwell, M. C. :

Lowell, Dec. 15, 1863.

Dear Sir :—After a somewhat careful examination of his claim, I am clearly of the opinion that Dr. W. T. G. Morton, of Boston, is justly entitled to a large and liberal compensation from Government for his discovery of the effect Sulphuric Ether has on the human system.

Very respectfully yours,

H. PILLSBURY, M.D.

Brookline, Dec. 13, 1863.

Dear Sir :—I was present during the first trial of Sulphuric Ether, as an anæsthetic, at the Massachusetts General Hospital, under the superintendence of Dr. Morton.

I believe him to have been the first to have applied this agent in alleviating human suffering, and thereby to have conferred the greatest material boon possible to man.

I think a recognition of his services by Congress would be in the highest degree appropriate.

I have the honor to remain,

Very respectfully yours,

AUGUSTINE SHURTLEFF, M.D.

To Hon. A. H. Rice.

Winchester, Mass., Dec. 1863.

To the Morton Testimonial Association, Boston, Mass. :

Gentlemen :—I have received and read your circular with much satisfaction. It is time that justice were done to Dr. W. T. G. Morton for the great boon he

has conferred on our race, by the establishing the anæsthetic properties of Sulphuric Ether; and it is humiliating that his claims have not sooner and more spontaneously been admitted and rewarded. Your combined movement to make further effort for his redress has my heartiest approval. It is in the right place—the city where Dr. Morton lived and made his discovery—and consequently is best known, and his claims best understood. It is by the right class of the community—the medical men—they who can best appreciate and comprehend its vast importance and value.

I feel that our profession might and would, cheerfully, if necessary, contribute for his relief, but the benefit of his discovery accrues to the world at large; and it appropriately belongs to the whole community to bestow the reward, and it is sincerely to be hoped that our General Government will enact a suitable compensation.

With hearty appreciation of your motives and efforts, and with sincere respect,
I am, yours truly,

A. CHAPIN, M.D.

Hon. J. F. Starr :

Salem, Dec. 29, 1863.

My Dear Sir :—It gives me pleasure to address you upon a subject which involves no party issue. Of the personal character of Dr. Morton I have no knowledge, save that obtained from the journals of the day. But of the merits of his discovery I feel myself better qualified to judge, having carefully tested them by repeated experiment. Having been the first to introduce Ether as an Anæsthetic agent in Salem, by experiments made upon myself in the presence of several Physicians, I have since witnessed its magical effects in assuaging pain and suffering of almost every conceivable variety in hundreds of instances. Indeed, the Physician who has witnessed its wonderful and almost instantaneous agency in relieving pain, has often been led to bless the name of its discoverer.

There are other claimants besides Dr. Morton, to the discovery of Ether as an anæsthetic agent, but the question of priority of discovery we must consider as having been authoritatively settled by Congress in granting him a patent.

The value of his discovery is hardly inferior to that of Vaccination. The one is the glory of English, and the other of American medicine. Neither can be estimated in dollars and cents. The British Parliament voted the discoverer of Vaccination some £20,000 sterling as a reward for his services to science and humanity; and I have but little doubt but that the American Congress will be equally generous to Dr. Morton.

In compliance with what I deemed the spirit of the petitioners, I have sought only the names of a few of our most prominent and intelligent citizens. I could readily have forwarded you hundreds of names, but they would, in my opinion, have added nothing to the force of the appeal I have presumed to make upon your philanthropy.

With sentiments of esteem, I remain your friend and constituent,

QUINTON GIBBON, M.D.

New Bedford, Dec. 30, 1863.

My Dear Friend :—I desire earnestly to solicit your vote and influence in favor of the "Morton Testimonial" for an adequate allowance of money, if that be possible, to Dr. Morton, for his discovery of Etherization. I say his discovery, because in my judgment the merit of the discovery belongs exclusively to him. The efforts of others in this direction were imperfect, and for all practical purposes abortive.

But to make the discovery practical—to extend it among the people generally, obstructed by various jealousies and rival claims, cost him well nigh his whole property and time, and seriously impaired his health. And now, as the result

of his labors and sacrifices, Etherization is established as safe and effectual for all purposes for which it is generally advised, and its use extended throughout the civilized world. Besides, what has more particular bearing upon this claim, the Government at this time is making continual use of it, and would not, for any pecuniary consideration, be deprived of it. It seems to me therefore that justice demands for the discoverer complete remuneration.

But gratitude enforces the claim. The sentiment of gratitude has often been excited within your heart, I know, by incidents of successful etherization in your family. Multiplied by millions, it would represent the gratitude of the nation, which, though it may not be expressed by pecuniary amounts, should make a large addition to whatever may be allowed in consideration of other circumstances.

Besides, this discovery, the most beneficent to man, and therefore the greatest of any age, confers honor upon our country. Aid, I pray you, the Government to appreciate it, or rather to give evidence of its appreciation, by publicly acknowledging it, and bestowing upon its author the honor of an ample reward.

My dear sir, I take it the Government represents the people; their obligations as well as their will and power. Are not all the people under obligation to the discoverer of etherization, and ready to acknowledge it? What say that portion of the people which constitutes the army—the maimed soldiers and sailors? Their accumulated obligations constitute that of the Government, and they can be discharged in but one way, and then only partially. But let that be done.

I know not what legal barriers may exist in the way of this allowance; but whatever they are, I hope you will be able to remove them; or if not, that you will act in regard to it obediently to the higher law, the enactments of justice, gratitude, and man's necessity, and grant to Dr. Morton all that he and his friends (and those are all who have suffered pain, or expect to suffer it) may ask for.

Yours, very truly,

WM. A. GORDON, M.D.

Hon. Thos. D. Eliot, Washington.

Hadley, Mass. Dec. 13, 1863.

Hon. William Washburn, M.C.

Dear Sir,—As one of your constituents, I beg leave to call your attention to the claims of Dr. W. T. G. Morton, of Boston, to some pecuniary reward for his great discovery of the beneficial effects of ether, in relieving mankind from so much of pain and suffering. I have carefully watched the controversy as to the origin of this discovery, from its inception, and have become fully satisfied that the practical fact of its adaptability and safety is wholly due to his enterprise and courage. Through every discouragement and prejudice, and great pecuniary loss, he has compelled its use wherever pain and anguish demand relief of sympathizing humanity. I deem it a reproach to our country that he has not been rewarded before this.

There would seem to have been a breach of faith towards him on the part of our Government, which, it seems to me, it is high time should be acknowledged, and for which reparation should be made. I trust, therefore, that you will give the subject your earnest attention, and after satisfying yourself of the merits of the case, use your best endeavors to insure justice, where a deprivation of it has caused so much suffering.

Very respectfully, yours, etc.

FRANKLIN BONNEY, M.D.

RHODE ISLAND.

*Mansion House, 105 Benefit St.,
Providence, R. I., Dec. 9, 1863.* }

To Hon. Henry B. Anthony, of the U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C. :

*My Dear Sir :—*Having carefully read the papers and documents asking of the government compensation for the discovery and gift to mankind of the application of Ethereal vapor as a safe and practical Anæsthesia, and having very fully satisfied myself of the justice of the claim of Dr. Wm. T. G. Morton, I have the honor to solicit of you, as a personal favor, and I think I may safely say in accordance with the Medical Profession in Rhode Island, that you will be pleased to exert your powerful influence in favor of an adequate and suitable compensation to Dr. Morton, for this inestimable boon to the whole country and to the human race.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHNSON GARDNER, M. D., Ex. Act. Surgeon.

East Greenwich, R. I., Dec. 13, 1863.

Hon. N. F. Dickson, Washington, D. C. :

*Dear Sir :—*Having been requested by the Morton Testimonial Association of Boston, (a highly respectable body,) to aid in presenting the claims of Dr. Morton upon the country, I take the liberty of addressing you, and stating that I believe the discovery of the use of Ether, and from this, the use of Chloroform and other agents for producing insensibility to pain, belongs to him; that I consider it the greatest blessing of the age, and especially so in our country at this time, among our wounded soldiers; and that it seems to me right that Congress should make some acknowledgment of this great service by a suitable appropriation.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES H. ELDRIDGE, M.D.

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 7, 1863.

Hon. Francis Kernan, M. C., New York :

*Dear Sir :—*Permit me respectfully to add my testimony to that of the medical profession at large, in favor of an appropriation by Congress of a liberal amount as a national testimonial to Dr. Morton, for the inestimable value of his discovery of the Anæsthetic power of Ether,—a discovery which led to the trial of other substances before unknown as Anæsthetics, and from which the whole world has reaped immeasurable benefits, while the discoverer has gathered only losses and sorrows. I cordially commend the project to your patriotism and humanity.

Very respectfully your friend,

JOHN H. GRISCOM, Physician N.Y. Hospital. ,

New York, Dec. 8, 1863.

*My Dear Sir :—*Dr. Wm. T. G. Morton, whom I beg leave to introduce to you by this letter, is the man to whom the world is indebted for the inestimable boon of Anæsthesia. But for his discovery of the properties of Ether, and his perseverance in bringing to light the fact that its great powers could be safely applied to the prevention and relief of pain, we might have been for centuries perhaps forever, without this great blessing.

Dr. Morton's claims to the credit of this great discovery have been very carefully investigated, and are established beyond a doubt. If the knowledge of it had to be purchased now, say for the use of the Army and Navy, the people would require their representatives to do so, though it should cost millions. Yet Dr. Morton has not as yet derived any advantage from his discovery, but on the contrary, the result to him has been a serious pecuniary loss. All the world has been benefited, he alone has suffered.

Under these circumstances, I am confident in the hope that when his claims for remuneration are again brought before Congress, as I understand they will be at the present session, the measure will receive your cordial support.

I am, dear sir, with the highest respect,

Your obedient servant,

J. CONANT FOSTER, M.D.

Hon. E. D. Morgan, U. S. Senate.

Fifth Avenue Hotel, N. Y., Dec., 1863.

Dr. J. Ware :

Dear Sir :—I have received the Congressional Report on the petition of Dr. Wm. T. G. Morton, asking the Government for compensation for the discovery of the anæsthetic effects of Sulphuric Ether. It fully establishes his claim to this discovery; and as I witness its beneficial results almost every day of my life in my professional experience, I take great pleasure in testifying to Dr. Morton's merits in this respect.

It would be a lasting disgrace if a great nation like ours refuses a liberal donation to one whose discovery has proved such a boon to its soldiers and citizens, and will be a blessing to the world in all time to come.

Yours truly,

E. R. PEASLEE, M. D., LL. D.

J. Ware, M. D., Chairman of Committee, &c. &c.

New York, Dec. 9, 1863.

To the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

Gentlemen :—I have examined the claims of Dr. Morton, of Boston, in connection with the discovery of the anæsthetic virtues of Sulphuric Ether, and am satisfied that this important discovery is due to him. Whatever preliminary investigations may have been made by other persons, I am convinced, by the evidence which has been presented to me, that the credit of the discovery is due to Dr. Morton, who, for a long period of time, devoted to this subject all the energies of his mind, and all his pecuniary resources. It is to his untiring labors that our country and the world are indebted for the introduction of this powerful and beneficent agent, by which the pains of surgical operations are annihilated, and other most important benefits are secured in the treatment of various diseases and accidents. As Dr. Morton has devoted to these investigations a number of the best years of his life, and has made large pecuniary sacrifices, which have been thus far unremunerated, I think that he has a just claim upon Congress for a liberal compensation in consideration of the important benefits which the sick and wounded of our Army and Navy have derived from his discovery.

Very respectfully yours,

ALFRED C. POST, M.D.,

Professor of Surgery in University Medical College, and Consulting Surgeon to New York Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital.

Peekskill, N. Y., Dec. 15, 1863.

Dr. John Ware :

Dear Sir :—There can be no question but what *Anæsthesia* is one of the greatest boons ever conferred on the race by the discovery of man, for his temporal comfort, and will continue to be through the lapse of ages, until time shall be no more.

That one of the native-born citizens of this country is the discoverer, ought to be a source of just pride to the nation; and Congress ought not for a moment to hesitate in offering an appropriate testimonial to him. To do otherwise would be a national disgrace, and tend to dishearten and discourage enterprise and discovery for the benefit of the human family. Few men would undertake research, with the expenditure of time and fortune, where the result was doubtful, if they were sure to meet with rebuff and discouragement in case of success.

Very truly yours, P. STEWART, M.D.

Bergen, Genesee County, N. Y., Dec. 29, 1863.

Hon. Augustus Frank :

Dear Sir :—A few days since I received a communication from the Morton Association, as also the report of the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia, as reported at the last session of Congress. I had supposed, that in justice to Dr. Morton, ample compensation had been awarded to him long since, but it is far otherwise thus far. I hope and trust, if the subject of compensation is brought before the present Congress, you will be able to recognize his claim for the introduction of Ether as an Anæsthetic, which in fact and truth is the greatest blessing ever conferred on suffering humanity; second only, in my opinion, to the discovery of the Vaccine Virus, by the great and good Dr. Jenner.

I was much surprised to learn that the Doctor's application proved thus far unsuccessful on its own merits. I hope and trust the action of the present session will refute the base slander, that Republics are ungrateful.

Very respectfully yours,

E. O'DONOUGHUE, M.D.

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 17, 1863.

Hon. Francis Kernan :

Dear Sir :—In compliance with a request from an Association composed of all the most respectable Physicians of Boston, I am induced to call your attention to an application to be made by Dr. Morton, of Boston, for remuneration for efforts and losses incurred by him in establishing and promoting the use of his discovery of the Anæsthetic properties of Sulphuric Ether, as the only *safe* agent in destroying sensibility to pain, during the most formidable operations of Surgery, thereby avoiding not only pain, but its consequences, which might result in death if performed without the use of Ether.

I am able to bear personal testimony to the efficiency of this agent—for by its use I was enabled to submit to the extirpation of one of my eyes, when, without it, the operation could not have been performed, as the slightest touch of the eye put me in the greatest agony.

I am, most respectfully yours, &c.

N. H. DERING, M.D.

Binghampton, N. Y., Dec. 16, 1863.

Hon. G. W. Hotchkiss :

Dear Sir :—I take great pleasure in introducing to you Dr. Wm. T. G. Morton, of Boston, who visits Washington at this time, to present his righteous claim for compensation for the discovery and gift to his country and mankind—the richest boon ever conferred upon suffering humanity; namely, the application of Ethereal vapor as a safe and practical pain-subduing agent. The Medical Profession of this country, as a body, have long desired that a suitable recognition of

the value of Dr. Morton's labors should be made by the Government, and that it is justly his due. They feel, especially at this time, when thousands of our brave soldiers are continually blessing him for relief from the pain of the Surgeon's knife, that it is a fitting time for every patriot who can, to raise his voice in behalf of one who has done more than us all for suffering humanity.

Whatever assistance you may see fit to afford Dr. Morton will be highly appreciated, not only by the medical profession of this district, but of the whole State.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. G. ORTON, M.D.

Essex, N. Y., Dec. 25, 1863.

Dear Sir :—Permit me to call your particular attention to, and favorable consideration of, the various memorials and petitions of W. T. G. Morton, M. D., of Boston, as author of the introduction of Ether as an Anæsthetic agent; from the evidence he will exhibit to you, it will appear that he has claims on the government of his country for sacrifices made, and benefits conferred in the interest of science and humanity; and not only justice to an individual, but national honor, demands that some favorable notice be taken of his claims.

Yours very truly,

SAMUEL SHUMWAY, M.D.

Hon. Orlando Kellogg,

Hon. William Higby.

Wilton, Jan. 22, 1864.

Hon. James M. Marvin :—We, the undersigned, having learned that an effort would be made at the present session of Congress to obtain for Dr. Morton suitable remuneration for his expenditures in introducing Etherization, and demonstrating the fact that the human system can be safely reduced to a condition in which it becomes unconscious of the sufferings of disease, the pain of surgical operations, and the pangs of childbirth, would respectfully represent that we believe him entitled to the heartfelt thanks of every individual in the entire community, and should receive from the Government a pecuniary compensation and remuneration for his *efforts and success in alleviating the pains of suffering humanity.*

Now, friend Marvin, we do most earnestly hope and trust that you will give the subject your CORDIAL AND EARNEST support, for we feel that the claim is just and equitable, and should long ago have been responded to.

Very respectfully, your friends and humble servants,

T. B. REYNOLDS, M.D.

DUNCAN MAGREGOR, M.D.

JOHN H. REYNOLDS, M.D.

Oswego, N. Y., Dec. 21, 1863.

My Dear Sir :—My attention has been called to the claim of Dr. Morton, of Boston, upon our Government, as well as upon humanity, for compensation for the discovery, and introduction into general use, of ether as a pain-saving agent.

As to the benefit realized by the human family from Dr. Morton's discovery, it would ill become me to attempt to *increase* your knowledge.

As to Dr. Morton's being the original discoverer of this inestimable boon, the investigations heretofore prosecuted, have settled the question beyond controversy.

You cannot fail to discover, by suitable investigation, that the conduct of this Government towards Dr. Morton has been of a shamefully shabby character. The Government which professed to secure to Dr. Morton an exclusive interest in his discovery, has seized upon the use of it in utter disregard of his rights, and up to this time have failed to compensate him in the least.

I sincerely hope that the present session of Congress will attend to doing justice to Dr. Morton immediately. His rights have been by far too long deferred already, and I desire personally that you should interest yourself in the case, and secure to this wronged man the rights of which he ought not to have been so recklessly robbed.

Very truly, &c.,

E. DANIELS, M. D.

Hon. G. W. Hotchkiss, M. C.

P. S. My health is very much improved since we met. I hope to be able to visit Washington before spring.

E. D.

NEW JERSEY.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 28, 1863.

Hon. William Wright :

Sir :—Whatever influence I may have with you, I would exert in favor of the claims of Dr. Morton, the discoverer of the great fact that we can safely perform the most ordinarily painful and protracted operations without pain. Mankind is blessed, while the author of this great benediction has only honor and glory for his reward. What this is worth, a practical man like you need not be told. He deserves well of his country, and has need to be supplied. I hope that he will obtain your sympathy and co-operation.

Very respectfully,

J. HENRY CLARK, M. D.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 28, 1863.

Hon. Nehemiah Perry :

Dear Sir :—I would beg your favorable consideration and kind attention to the case of Dr. Morton. He has proved a benefactor to this race. History and the future generation will do him justice, but that will come too late. Pray let him have justice now.

The next generation will associate Dr. Morton and the discover of vaccination, Dr. Jenner, together. The profession agree to give him (Dr. Morton) the praise, and we are not in the habit of improperly praising one another. The full history of the antecedent facts warrant the conclusion. The names attached to the memorial are among the best in our profession, in this or any other country, and well deserve your confidence, and will, I hope, secure your co-operation.

Respectfully and truly,

J. HENRY CLARK, M.D.

PENNSYLVANIA.

No. 731 Arch Street, Phila., Dec. 8, 1863.

To Hon. M. Russell Thayer, M. C., from Phila., Pa.

Respected Friend :—Allow me to ask you to regard with favor the application of the friends of Dr. W. T. G. Morton, of Boston. I have been personally acquainted with Dr. Morton for several years. I have used ether in surgical operations in private practice since the year 1847, and in military practice since the commencement of the war; I have also used it to allay the pangs of childbirth; in all which conditions patients were made unconscious of sufferings, which in many instances could not have been endured without it. Congress will but do a simple act of justice by rewarding Dr. Morton to the fullest extent asked for. It is due to him, and to the cause of humanity.

Yours respectfully,

D. GILBERT, M.D.

Philadelphia, Feb. 12th, 1864.

Hon. Chas. O'Neal:

Sir, — I hereby add my humble name in favor of the justice of the claims of Dr. Wm T. G. Morton, of Boston, for the inestimable blessing he conferred on mankind, in first practically applying the Anæsthetic Agent, Sulphuric Ether, in surgical operations and painful diseases. This much, I believe, is all need be said to your Honor on this important subject.

Your constituent,

J. C. COOPER, M. D., 139 Arch St., Phil.

Philadelphia, Dec. 12, 1863.

I regard the wonderful action of ether, and other anæsthetic agents in alleviating suffering and overcoming spasms and muscular resistance during the most protracted, difficult and painful surgical operations, the most important discovery made in surgery during the last century. It is my sincere belief that life has been saved by the more ready submission of the patients to necessary operations, since they can be assured they will be painless. Inasmuch as spasm and pain do destroy life, it is fair to presume that agents relieving these must diminish mortality.

I use it in my private practice in diseases requiring an antidote, as perfectly safe and harmless, and consider Dr. Morton worthy of a nation's gratitude, and entitled to recompense of no mean order by that nation.

A. W. GRIFFITHS, M. D., 256 N. 12th street, Phila.

Letter from S. D. Gross, Professor in Jefferson College and Surgeon in Blockley Hospital, Author of Gross' Surgery, &c., &c.

Philadelphia, Dec. 5, 1863.

Dear Sir:—I am rejoiced to find that at length an association has been formed in Boston, headed by some of the most distinguished physicians in that city, for the purpose of presenting more fully than has hitherto been done to Congress the claims of Dr. William T. G. Morton, as the discoverer of ether as an anæsthetic agent. Considering the inestimable blessings which the labors of this gentleman have conferred upon the human race in the prevention and mitigation of pain in surgical operations, in the investigation of injuries and diseases, and in the pangs of childbirth, it is amazing that Dr. Morton should not have received, long ago, some substantial acknowledgment of the value of his services. He has spent, not only his time, but his money; in fact his all, in the prosecution of his discovery, the greatest, beyond all doubt, in the healing art, since the days of Jenner. There is probably hardly a family in any civilized country in the world that has not enjoyed its blessings, and it is therefore but right and proper that the people, through their national representatives, should bestow upon its author a suitable reward, at least equal to that which the British Parliament voted to the immortal discoverer of vaccination. The American Congress should act promptly in the matter; Dr. Morton is no longer a young man, and it would be a crying shame to let it be said of one who has so greatly benefited mankind, that he had lived and died neglected by his fellow-citizens. The horrors of the present war are in some degree mitigated by the fact that the use of ether and chloroform almost deprives of suffering the operations rendered necessary by gunshot wounds. Indeed, there is reason to believe that it not only prevents pain, but is instrumental in saving many lives.

Hoping that your association will be able to accomplish the laudable object for which it was instituted,

I am, dear sir, very respectfully, your friend and obedient servant,

S. D. GROSS, M.D.

Dr. John Ware, Chairman Executive Committee, &c.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18, 1863.

Dear Doctor,—I will do everything in my power to further the interests of Dr. Morton.

Believe me, very truly yours,

H. ST. CLAIR ASH, M.D.

John Wafe, M. D., Boston, Mass.

Philadelphia, Dec. 9, 1863.

Hon. Leonard Myers :

Dear Sir,—When I commenced the study of medicine, a patient, while undergoing a surgical operation at all serious, was either strapped upon the table or firmly held by three or four assistants; words could not describe the suffering, from fears previous, and from pain during the operation. Now the most capital operations can be contemplated with composure; and while the surgeon is calmly applying his skill, the patient, instead of suffering the “torments of the damned,” may sweetly dream. When the deep-seated tumor has been removed, or the limb amputated, he awakes as if from sleep, having been conscious of not a single twinge.

Our own country has the distinguished honor of claiming the discoverer of this most beneficent boon to mankind—Anæsthesia.

Except for the perseverance, energy and great courage of Dr. Wm. T. G. Morton, of Boston, this inestimable blessing to suffering humanity would not now be enjoyed.

I need not enlarge upon the benefits the whole world has received from this discovery, nor the relief to the wounded of our great armies during the present war, nor the saving in life and expense (one surgeon with Anæsthesia can do more than four without it), but I desire to call your attention to one or two important points.

The discovery of Dr. Morton is not merely that ether inhaled will relieve pain, but that the human system can safely be reduced to a condition in which it becomes unconscious of suffering during the most dreadful surgical operations. He first demonstrated that sulphuric ether was an agent which would with perfect safety procure this state of happy unconsciousness. This fact being once known, it was very easy for others to experiment with chloroform, and other substances, similar to ether. I repeat, the great discovery was that any agent could safely produce this much desired effect.

Dr. Morton has spent his substance, and the best part of his life, having relinquished a most lucrative business in experimenting, in bringing into use this great discovery.

Dr. Morton's friends now justly ask that the United States Government shall return to him the expenditures that he has made in the introduction of anæsthesia. As a benefactor to the human race to all coming time—as a benefactor to our Union army and navy—as one who has reflected honor upon our nation, he should be rewarded. After Dr. Morton is dead, great and enduring monuments will be erected to his memory. What good will they do him? He will need no epitaph. His name will live and be blessed by all until time shall be no more. Shall the nation which he has so greatly honored and benefited do nothing for him while living?

Dr. Morton's claims will be presented to Congress during the present session. May I not ask your favorable consideration?

The above mentioned facts, and the professional and social standing of the gentlemen of Boston who advocate the claims of Dr. Morton, are well known to me. They are such men as New England delights to honor. Though a Yankee myself, I can, without fear of being accused of partiality, declare that they are gentlemen in whose integrity the nation can put confidence, being sure that they would lend their names and influence to assist no one in an unjust claim.

Wishing you health and happiness, I am truly your friend and obdt serv't,

E. B. SHAPLEIGH, M.D.

420 N. 6th St., Phila., Dec. 5, 1863.

To the Hon. Leonard Myers, Member of Congress, 3rd District, Phila.

Dear Sir,—Without any preliminary remarks, knowing the value of your time, allow me to say that no greater blessing has ever been conferred upon mankind, than the discovery and use of Ether as an Anæsthetic, rendering the human system unconscious of pain during surgical operations. For this invaluable discovery the world is indebted to Dr. W. T. G. Morton, of Boston, a citizen of the United States. His claims to the merit of this discovery have long since been fully, legally and satisfactorily settled. Thousands in this country and abroad, have experienced its value by enabling them to contemplate pain with comparative composure. None in this day dispute or disregard its importance as a rich blessing conferred on the world.

Only one thing now is needed to perfect the expression of gratitude this nation is ready to bestow upon the discoverer, and that is an Act of Congress bestowing upon Dr. Morton, not only a vote of thanks, but a suitable testimonial as somewhat of a remuneration for the labor, time and money expended, together with the loss of professional business, and in some degree his health, in pursuing, bringing to perfection, and giving to the world the result and benefit of his investigations in the application of Ether as an Anæsthetic.

Without being tedious, suffer me to urge upon you the well-earned claims of Dr. Morton, justly due him, but long deferred, from a nation now reaping the advantages of his discovery.

These claims, it is understood, will be introduced during the present session of Congress, and I trust I shall have the pleasure of finding your name enrolled among the number favorable to the awarding of the Doctor's claims, and thus evince your high appreciation of the value of Anæsthesia, and the indebtedness of the nation to its discoverer.

With great pleasure I beg leave to introduce to your friendly notice Dr. Morton, who will hand you this letter.

Very respectfully and truly yours,
WILSON JEWELL, M.D.

Philadelphia, Dec. 10, 1863.

It affords me much pleasure to add my testimony to the claims of Dr. Morton, for remuneration for his valuable discovery of sulphuric ether as an anæsthetic.

HUDSON J. BURR, M. D. 1310 Walnut Street.

Germantown, Penn., Dec. 11, 1863.

Dear Sir,—Dr. W. T. G. Morton, from whom you will receive this note, is the discoverer and introducer of Ether, as an Anæsthetic agent.

He has been endeavoring for a long time to obtain from the government some recognition of the great service he has rendered mankind, and some reimbursement for the years he has devoted to the subject, as well as the pecuniary expenditure which its introduction has cost him; these efforts, though backed by the medical profession of the country, have hitherto been unavailing. He is now in Washington again for the same purpose, and I have taken the liberty to recommend his claims to your attention, and to beg that you will use such means as the absorption of your time may leave at your disposal, to obtain for him that justice which we, of all people, at this time so peculiarly owe him.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Hon. M. Russell Thayer.

OWEN J. WISTER, M.D.

Germantown, Dec. 12, 1863.

To Dr. John Ware, Chairman Executive Committee, &c. :

Personally I am convinced that the world owes a debt of gratitude to Dr. Morton for his discovery, and heartily wish the Government would reward him in some feeble degree by a liberal donation.

With much respect, I am thy friend,

JAMES E. RHOADS, M.D.

Frankford, Dec. 10, 1863.

Dear Sir,—The "Congressional Report," to which your circular of the 1st instant refers, has not yet come to my hands.

On a former occasion I signed a testimonial in favor of Dr. Morton's claims, and feel disposed now to use what little influence I may have to aid his applications for remuneration.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN F. LAMB, M.D.

Reading, Dec. 14, 1863.

Dear Doctor,—Yours in reference to Dr. Morton is at hand, and I answer that I most cheerfully concur in the proposed efforts to render unto him that which belongs, and should not be withheld him.

I believe the profession generally, in our city, agree with me, and perhaps the best efforts we can use will be to so impress our Representative, Mr. Ancona, with the importance of it, which I will do.

Hoping you may succeed, I am, and remain yours in sincerity,

D. LLEWELLYN BEAVER, M.D.

Huntingdon, Dec. 14, 1863.

Dr. John Ware :

Dear Sir,—I have the pleasure of returning to you the document you sent, with the names of a few of our foremost citizens attached to it.

I have also written to the Hon. Archibald McAllister, our representative at Washington, of the 17th District of Pa., and I hesitate not to say, that he will lend all his influence to the successful issue of our enterprise.

Very respectfully, &c.,

J. B. LUDEN, M.D.

Easton, Penn., January 12, 1864.

Dr. John Ware :

Dear Sir,—Enclosed you will find the petition for Dr. Morton, which you sent me. It is signed by the principal physicians and druggists of this place, and by some of our citizens, as you desired. These are all known to our representative in the House, the Hon. P. Johnson. A letter is therefore not necessary.

With my cordial wishes for a successful hearing,

I am, very truly yours,

T. GREEN, M.D.

DELAWARE.

Headquarters 4th Regt. Del. Vols. }
 Camp Harry Garrett, }
 Near Alexandria, Va., Dec. 15, 1863. }

Hon. N. B. Smithers :

Dear Sir :—Although the fortunes of war have caused me to change my vocation, you have not forgotten my service under Langrado; so I may say a word in favor of Dr. Morton, whose friends claim a “*testimonial*” in his behalf.

You will find on record long reports covering the whole case. If I remember correctly, Senator Borland, of Arkansas, formerly a doctor, reported to the Senate in favor of Morton.

I accord to Dr. Morton the honor of having successfully demonstrated the safety of using anæsthetic agents in surgical operations, thereby relieving thousands of hours of suffering. I have followed the controversy from the first, and know all its bearings. You will excuse a *ci devant* medical man, driven from the ranks into the field by rebellion, speaking to you on this subject. You will confer a particular favor on me if you will turn your attention for a few moments to investigate the merits of the case, upon which, rather than upon the law, this must be decided.

Very truly yours,

A. H. GRIMSHAW, Col. 4th reg't. Del. Vols.

Hon. N. B. Smithers, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

MARYLAND.

Baltimore, Dec. 22, 1863.

Dear Sir :—Permit me to thank you and the gentlemen of your Committee for the circular, and accompanying documents.

I will be very glad to aid you, in any way in my power, in securing for Dr. Morton a proper compensation for his zeal and untiring energy in presenting to the medical profession the greatest boon which the nineteenth century has received for the benefit of suffering humanity.

The Representative of my Congressional District, Hon. H. Winter Davis, is a warm personal and political friend of mine; and I will cheerfully give Dr. Morton a letter to him if he will do me the favor to call on me as he passes through our city on his way to Washington.

I have but slight acquaintance with our newly elected members, having had but limited intercourse with them as a member of the State Central Committee of the Unconditional Union Party, but I will cheerfully write to them.

I have spoken to several friends on the subject, and they enter most cordially into this laudable enterprise; and with their aid I hope to secure the co-operation of all the members, except the Secessionist who MISREPRESENTS the Fourth District in our State.

Respectfully and truly yours,

W. H. BALTZELL, M. D.,

90 Hanover St.

Dr. Jno. Ware, Chairman Ex. Com.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 26, 1864.

Dear Sir,—I consider that the knowledge that if wounded, any operation deemed necessary by the Surgeon would be painless, has diminished objections in the minds of many men to enlistment, has increased the daring of the Soldier on the Field, and that the use of Anæsthetics has contributed to a more rapid recovery of the Patient. Thus the use of Anæsthetics in the Army has both

added to and conserved the military strength of the nation. to a considerable extent. On this ground, apart from those of a higher consideration, I consider that the nation is largely indebted to Dr. Morton, and would respectfully request your cordial co-operation in anything which may be proposed for his benefit.

I remain, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. HOWARD, Assist. Surg. U. S Army.

I dw. R. B. Van Valkenburg, Rep.

Govanstown, Baltimore County, Dec. 19, 1863.

Hon. J. A. J. Cresswell and E. H. Webster, House of Representatives,
Washington City.

Gentlemen,—I would respectfully ask your serious attention to the claim of Dr. Morton, of Boston. Through the continued and expensive efforts of Dr. Morton, the human family have been relieved from great suffering, by his proving that ether inhaled rendered the sufferer insensible to pain, and that with safety to the patient. Chloroform followed ether. Dr. Morton opened the way. The relief given to our wounded soldiers and sailors would seem to demand from the Government a substantial mark of its appreciating the services of a man who has done so much for suffering humanity.

I sincerely hope, that you will find it consistent with your sense of right to give your official influence in furthering the views of Dr. M.'s friends.

Yours very respectfully,

J. ROBT. WARD, M. D.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington, Feb. 5, 1864.

Dr. John Ware, Boston, Mass. :

Doctor,—I have the honor to forward my signature to the petition of Dr. Morton, who has my deepest sympathy and best wishes.

As I am not connected with an hospital, and my time is much occupied, I am unable to obtain other signatures. I would, however, suggest that such petition be sent to every U. S. hospital in this city.

Your obedient servant,

J. H. BAXTER, Surgeon U. S. V.

Chief Med. Officer, Prov. Marshal Gen'l's Office.

Medical Inspector General's Office,
Washington, D.C.,
Jan. 29, 1864.

Dr. John Ware, Chairman Ex. Committee :

Dear Sir :—As to the originality of Dr. Morton's discovery, I am happy to say there is very little difference of opinion; but it is equally true that diverse views are entertained among those most thankful for the benefits resulting from it, in regard to the form our tribute of gratitude should take. Many think a gold medal, and the thanks of Congress; many a sum of money, or a pension, should be insisted on; and it is a pity some definite plan had not been settled by the Association, upon which the friends of Anaesthesia might unite. For my own part, I am decidedly in favor of asking for a joint resolution of thanks, unless the Doctor is poor, which is unlikely.

It will be a pleasure for me to do anything in my power to further the views of the Association when their policy is made known.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. B. McCoy,

Surgeon U. S. Vols.

VIRGINIA.

*First Regiment New Jersey Vols.,
Camp Near Brandy Station, Va.,
February 8, 1864.* }

Hon. Nehemiah Perry, M. C.:

Sir:—The long standing claims of Dr. Morton, the discoverer of *Etherization*, the most priceless boon that has been conferred upon mankind since the introduction of vaccination by Dr. Jenner, should meet with the most prompt and energetic action of Congress.

I emphatically assert that a failure to co-operate, and a refusal to ratify the claims of Dr Morton at this time, would deservedly receive the rebuke of the scientific world, and all who have the amelioration of suffering humanity at heart.

Who is there among us at the present time that would willingly submit to the amputation of a limb, or any other painful operation, without first demanding the great nepenthe?

In this bloody contest of arms, we have found from experience on the *field*, and in the *hospital*, that the soldier of the present day no longer dreads the pain of a capital operation. The air no longer resounds with the piercing shrieks and groans to which the subject, formerly sensitive to all that was transpiring around him, and who, in many cases was forced by strong arms to yield to the necessities of his case, is now, when under the influence of Ether or Chloroform, absolved from pain and agony, and is rendered completely happy during the operation.

He unconsciously undergoes the most dangerous operations; and his recovery, too, is enhanced greatly by the little disturbance to which the system is subjected; which, without its influence, often renders life much more precarious.

In view of these facts, I respectfully solicit your co-operation in the long-denied claims of one to whom the world owes a debt of gratitude; and the only remuneration he has received in return for the loss of health and property in the prosecution of his investigations, is the consciousness of his having been to our race a great benefactor.

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't,
L. D MILLER,
Assist. Surgeon in charge 1st Regt. N. J. Vols.

*Head-Quarters, Second Division, Dep't of West Virginia, }
New Creek, W. Va., February 14, 1864. }*

Dr. John Ware, Chairman Ex-Committee, &c.

Sir:—I have the honor of forwarding the accompanying list of names of Surgeons belonging to the 2d Division, with the hope that your efforts in behalf of Dr. Morton will be successful. It is thought that the discoverer of *Etherization* should find an advocate in every American Surgeon. It is a discovery which the professional malice of Europe have attempted to depreciate without success. This discovery has been lavished upon the people and soldiers of America, at the expense only of the distinguished discoverer. It is the duty of the American Government to reward genius in every department of science. It would be a disgrace to the Government based upon Republican principles, to decline rewarding Dr. Morton, who has bestowed upon mankind one of the most beneficent discoveries of the age. It is eminently the duty of the American Senate to encourage the efforts of the mind in every department.

I am sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN M. ROBINSON,
Surgeon U. S. Medical Direct., 2d Div.

KENTUCKY.

*Bowling Green, Ky., Dec. 3, 1863.**Hon. Henry Grider :*

Dear Sir:—There exists in the city of Boston, as you no doubt are aware, a society of Medical Gentlemen, whose object in part is to solicit justice from your honorable body, to a most worthy and deserving member of the medical profession; for time, labor and money is occupied in perfecting his great and world-renowned, and now world-used, discovery. I allude to the discovery of and application of Ethereal vapor by Doctor Wm. T. G. Morton, of Boston, to render the system insensible to pain under painful Surgical operations, etc. etc. This title to the discovery of this most invaluable means of rendering the system entirely insensible to pain, without danger or detriment to any of its functions, is proven to the entire satisfaction of the profession; and we, as members of that profession, fully aware of its importance, and satisfied that the learned and ingenious discoverer has made great sacrifices in the prosecution of this enterprise, join in the petition to Congress, that the most ample compensation may be made him; and feel that it is due to this great nation, and to Congress, not less than to this worthy laborer in the cause of science and humanity. The Government and people have been in the unrestricted use of it for years, in contravention really of the rights of the patentee, without any compensation whatever to its author. This wrong ought not to exist an hour longer; and knowing your high appreciation of the science of medicine, your respect for its votaries, and your high sense of justice, I feel that it is only necessary to call your attention to the subject to insure your hearty co-operation with the friends of any measure for the benefit of Doctor Morton. If you were to attempt to pay him the full value of the discovery it would bankrupt the nation; and yet, rather than this great remedy should be blotted from the memory of man, it would be better to purchase it at the cost of this bankruptcy. I shall feel ashamed if Congress fail, at this Session, in doing ample justice to Doctor Morton, the embarrassments of the country notwithstanding. Believe me, as ever, your sincere friend.

T. C. PORTER, M.D.
S. W. COOMBS, M.D.

*Covington, Ky., Dec. 18, 1863.**Dr. John Ware :*

Dear Sir:—I have just received your communication on Dr. Morton's discovery, and take pleasure in adding my testimony to the great relief given to patients in surgical operations and childbirth.

I am of opinion that Dr. Morton is justly entitled to any pecuniary aid that the Congress of the U. S. may award him.

You are at liberty to use this in any way that will be useful to Dr. Morton.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant, C. J. BLACKBURN, M.D.

MICHIGAN.

*Pontiac, Mich., Jan. 4, 1864.**Hon. A. C. Baldwin, Member of the House of Representatives, U. S. A. :*

Dear Sir,—Having examined the claims of Dr. W. T. G. Morton, of Boston, for his discovery of etherization as an anæsthetic, which has been so extensively used that no medical man can doubt that it has proved one of the greatest blessings to suffering humanity that science or art has ever bestowed on man, I would most earnestly call the attention of our Senators and Representatives

in Congress to examine impartially his right to such a discovery, and devise means to remunerate him, at least in part, for the great expenditure of time and money which he has thrown broadcast upon the world, in order that all may be satisfied that the most severe surgical operations may be performed while under the influence of ether, without the least suffering on the part of the patient.

As a very great number of medical men of the highest order of talent have lent their influence in behalf of Dr. Morton, who can doubt their sincerity in giving aid to so great a benefactor.

With much respect, I remain, your friend and humble servant,

J. PADDACK, M.D.

OHIO.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 21st, 1863.

Dr. John Ware, Chairman Ex. Committee :

Dear Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your circular letter and Congressional report concerning compensating Dr. Morton, for his discoveries in the practical use of Ether in Surgery.

I have examined them; which reminds me of the difficulties of his situation. I have been noticing the progress of his case with the interest of a patentee, as well as a Surgeon in the U. S. Army. I have been in the Field, and in Hospitals, and do not believe the U. S. Government ought to do less than give to Dr. Wm. T. G. Morton a specific sum or annuity sufficient to keep him and his children entirely above want the remaining period of their lifetime, for the benefit it has been to all our soldiers in defence of the government.

The using it, after giving him a patent, was, I believe, a necessity, because of the great value of the discovery; and it makes it the more obligatory to give him compensation, which I must believe our government will do.

Your most obedient servant,

H. B. MCGRAVE, Late A. A. S. U. S. N.

Cincinnati, Jan. 28, 1864.

To Hon. Alex. Long :

Dear Sir,—I desire to call your attention to the claims of Dr. Morton, of Boston, made through his friends for remuneration for loss of time, and expenditure of means, in discovering and demonstrating the use of ether as an anæsthetic agent. He has demonstrated the fact that the human system can be reduced to a condition in which it becomes unconscious of the sufferings of disease, the pain of surgical operations, and the pangs of childbirth. The Doctor's claim has long since been investigated by a committee of Congress, and ether as an anæsthetic fully admitted. Had it not been for his discovery and subsequent investigation, chloroform would not now be in use, and the world would be without the most beneficent gift conferred upon mankind, since the discovery of vaccination.

May I ask that you investigate his claim for remuneration; and, if consistent with your views, give it your encouragement and support.

Very truly yours,

J. L. VATTIER, M.D.

Resolution of the Academy of Medicine, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Hall of the Academy of Medicine. Cin., Dec. 21, 1863.

At a regular meeting of the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine, held this evening, Dr. John F. White read a communication from the Executive Committee of the Morton Testimonial Association, which is laboring to secure some suitable recognition on the part of Congress of the value of the inestimable gift of *Anæsthesia* to the world, to W. T. G. Morton.

After some remarks it was

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Academy of Medicine, that Congress should make a suitable pecuniary compensation to Dr. Morton as a testimonial for the discovery of the Anæsthetic power of ether; and that this Resolution be forwarded to the Executive Committee, properly signed.

EDWARD B. STEVENS, M.D., *Cor. Sec.*

R. R. McIlvaine, M.D., *Pres't.*

Bellefontaine, Ohio, Dec. 23, 1863.

Gentlemen :—Being fully satisfied of the merits of the claim of Dr. W. T. G. Morton for the discovery of the successful application of Ethereal vapor as a pain-subduing agent, by which so much human suffering has been, and may be prevented, that he is justly entitled to a substantial public compensation as a testimonial for the benefits conferred upon mankind, he is therefore authorized to present this to our *representative* of the 4th Congressional District of Ohio, J. H. McKinney, Esq., with the request that he use his influence and vote for a reasonable compensation to be paid to Dr. Morton for the benefits of his discovery.

Respectfully, &c.,

W. D. SCARFF,

Vice-President Bellefontaine Med. Society.

Columbus, Jan. 28, 1864.

Hon. S. S. Cox :

Dear Sir,—Learning that it is the intention of the friends of Dr William T. G. Morton to make another appeal to Congress for such a sum of money as will be an acknowledgment of a nation's gratitude, as also of a nation's justice, for the unspeakable benefits resulting from his wonderful discovery of practical Anæsthesia by the agency of sulphuric ether, I beg, honored sir, to solicit your influence in support of said appeal.

This liberty I use the more willingly, for the reason that an appeal to your sense of justice and humanity only needs to be truthfully presented to meet a hearty response in your generously approving nature. * * * *

To introduce a new practice with agencies of long established and well-known virtues, is a task of no ordinary difficulty, and is often met by selfish or ignorant opposition and loss of popularity, resulting in pecuniary loss. But how disastrously different is the fate of him who, like the subject of our appeal, through an intelligent and persevering force of will, carries out to ultimate triumphant success, a measure—a fact, a feat at once appalling by its grandeur, and permit the expression GOD-LIKE in its mission. Is such a discoverer to pass unscathed through the rough ordeal of heartless criticism? Is he permitted to enjoy the fruits of his labors in peace? Let him not indulge in such visionary fancies. Were he in affluence at the outset, obstacles would be thrown across his presumed pleasant pathway to fortune and to fame; for just in proportion to the grandeur of his discovery will be the virulence of the opposition he will experience.

As the purpose of this appeal is to present the claims of Dr. Morton to Congress for its recognition and beneficent action, I beg to state that to render full justice to the merits of his discovery, the whole range of benefits resulting from its various uses must be taken into the account. * * * *

If the inventors of the destructive engines of war, devised for the most rapid destruction of human life possible, be deemed worthy of governmental commendation and bounty, may I not pleadingly ask, are not the pain-subduing and the life-saving means useful beyond estimate, both in war and in peace, when presented to the world, to the nation, by the hand of science, equally worthy? If war be necessary, is it not necessary and proper to preserve, to the greatest possible extent, the lives of our noble soldiery? In so far, then, as Anaesthesia is wonderfully conducive to this great end, is its discoverer not worthy of a nation's gratitude and a nation's bounty? Let not the weeping eyes of humanity grow dim in looking to the high source of power in which the representative from the *capitol district of Ohio* holds so proud a seat; or be turned away in despair of that recognition due to the highest merit.

Trusting that the prayer of your Memorialists may be favorably considered by Congress,

I remain, dear sir, your obed't serv't and humble constituent,

ROBERT THOMPSON, M.D.

Hamilton Co., O., Dec. 23, 1863.

Hon. Geo. H. Pendleton:

Dear Sir:—Having been solicited by the Morton Testimonial Association to furnish a certificate of my views as to the benefit derived from the discovery of the Anaesthetic properties of Ether, I say, with pleasure, that in my opinion there has never been a discovery which has done so much to relieve human pain and suffering, not another so great a blessing to man (except divine), and that the Government never rewarded a more deserving benefactor than the discoverer of that invaluable property of Ether.

Yours truly,

O. M. LANGDON, M.D.

Lancaster, O., Dec. 22, 1863.

To the Hon. Wm. Fink, Representative in Congress:

Dear Sir:—We, the undersigned Physicians of Lancaster, O., respectfully represent, that in 1844 Dr. William G. Morton discovered the Anaesthetic properties of Ether, by the use of which the human system is rendered entirely insensible to pain during the performance of the most painful surgical operations; a desideratum long sought for, but in vain, until the brilliant discovery of Dr. Morton, which was the result of years of laborious study and experiments.

It is now fourteen years since Dr. Morton gave this beneficent discovery to the world; and during this time the Government has employed this valuable Anaesthetic, both in the Army and Navy of the United States, without compensation, after having granted letters patent giving to the discoverer the exclusive use of the remedy.

Dr. Morton's claim upon the Government for compensation for the use of this great remedial agent, has been affirmed by Committees appointed by both Houses of Congress. We therefore solicit your aid in securing to Dr. Morton a substantial reward for his great and invaluable discovery.

JAMES WHITE, M.D.

P. CARPENTER, M.D.

ILLINOIS.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 22, 1863.

Hon. G. N. Arnold, M. C.:

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of a report from the Committee on Military Affairs of the Senate of the U. S., on the subject of compensating Dr. W. T. G. Morton for the discovery and gift to his country and mankind—the application of ethereal vapor as an anaesthetic agent against pain in surgical and

other painful operations. I hope, my dear sir, that I am not presumptuous in requesting, as one of your constituents, your serious attention to this subject. Your own intelligent appreciation of the great value of the discovery, will render even a suggestion from me unnecessary. Dr. Morton is pecuniarily ruined, because he has not received his just dues; and as one who is always found laboring for justice among his fellow-men, the profession now look to you with the hope and expectation, if not inconsistent with your other numerous and arduous duties, of seeing his grievances redressed.

I am, my dear sir, your most obedient servant,
W. H. BYFORD, M.D.

Smyrna, Dec. 14, 1863.

Dear Sir,—I have obtained the signatures of all the medical faculty of this place to memorial, not one of whom but cheerfully signed it. I hope the application may be successful. Dr. Morton richly deserves, not only the pecuniary remuneration asked for, but the thanks of the whole civilized world.

Very respectfully your ob't serv't, . E. D. DAILEY, M.D.

Jacksonville, Dec. 13, 1863.

Hon. A. L. Knapp, M. C. :

Dear Sir,—I am informed that an effort will be made during the session of this Congress to secure, in favor of Dr. Wm. T. G. Morton, of Boston, a reward for his time and money spent in the original introduction of Ether, as a means of rendering the body insensible to pain.

I believe this measure eminently just to him, and conducive to the glory of our country, and calculated to encourage efforts and the expenditure of time and private means in the cause of arts, science and humanity.

Respectfully yours, DAVID PRINCE, M.D.

Greenville, Bond County, Illinois, Dec. 28, 1863.

DR. WM. T. G. MORTON, of Boston, Mass., deserves the gratitude and grateful remembrance of the American people and the world, for the successful application of *Anæsthesia*. It is hoped our members in Congress will use their utmost exertions to reward such a man, as he has been the cause of alleviating so much human suffering, and of so much national benefit.

T. WILKINS, M.D.,
Late Assist Surgeon U. S. Vols.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 11, 1863.

Dr. John Ware :

Sir,—I enclose a few signatures obtained to day. More could easily be had if time permitted, although our professional duties are crowding us. I felt that I ought to give thus much time to Dr. Morton, to whom all of us are so much indebted.

Respectfully,
W. J. CHEVANETH, M.D.

INDIANA.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 18, 1863.

Hon. Joseph K. Edgerton, M. C. :

Dear Sir:—Understanding that Dr. W. T. G. Morton is about to visit Washington, to present his claims before Congress at the present session, I beg leave to ask of you the favor to examine the subject—which the whole medical profession in this country settled a long time ago—and ascertain for yourself these facts:—That Dr. Morton is the discoverer of the anæsthetic properties of ether; or, if not the discoverer of its anæsthetic properties, that he is the first

one who ever practically applied it to this purpose, and is justly entitled to be considered the greatest benefactor of the human race since the time of Jenner.

As Dr. Morton has never been remunerated for his great expenditures and losses incurred in his indefatigable exertions to introduce the use of anæsthetics, the medical profession universally are agreed that Congress ought, forthwith, to grant him a handsome sum, and thus show their appreciation of the value of this, the greatest boon that has ever been bestowed upon suffering humanity.

I hope, therefore, dear sir, that you will look with favor upon the application of Dr. Morton, and do what you can in furtherance of its success.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. F. WOODWORTH, M.D.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 22, 1863.

John Ware, M. D. :

Sir, — In compliance with your request, I send herewith a letter to our representative in Congress, whose physician I sometimes am, and also a petition signed by a majority of the regular practitioners here. I believe they are all known to our Member of Congress. Hoping the object for which we pray may be accomplished,

I am, your obedient servant,

B. F. WOODWORTH, M.D.

New Albany, Dec. 19, 1863.

Dear Sir, — I have fully investigated the claims of Dr. W. T. Morton, of Boston, to some fitting testimonial for his discovery of the anæsthetic properties of sulphuric ether: and I trust that you will do Dr. Morton the justice which the importance of his discovery deserves, of giving the proposal the benefit of your influence and vote.

SAMUEL REID, M. D.

Surg. in. charge Gen. Hosp. No. 11, formerly of Salem, Ind.

Hon. James A. Cravens, Washington, D. C.

I heartily concur in the above statement with Dr. Reid, whose long experience gives more than ordinary weight to his opinions.

E. S. CROZIER, M. D.

A. A. Surg. U. S. A., in charge Gen. Hosp. No. 6.

New Albany, Ind., Dec. 21, 1863.

Hon. James A. Craven ;

Sir, — I have recently received the report of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Dr. W. T. G. Morton, asking compensation for the discovery and gift to his country and mankind, of the application of ethereal vapor, as a safe and practical anæsthesia, or pain-subduing agent.

Passing over the question of discovery, it is well known in the medical world that we are mainly indebted to the labors of Dr. Morton for a knowledge of the practical application of all those agents now used for anæsthetic purposes in medicine and surgery. From 1846 until a recent period, he has devoted his time and fortune to a diffusion of the knowledge of the uses of anæsthetic agents, until their value is acknowledged by the whole civilized world. For this he has received no compensation.

Dr. Morton secured a patent, and might have realized a fortune by sales of the right of use in districts; but humanity revolted at the idea of an exclusive privilege in the use of a blessing which should be free as the air we breathe.

Jenner received various grants of money from the British Parliament, and one from the East Indies, for his discovery of the protective power of vaccination. Shall Morton, the discoverer of this "next best gift to man," as a reward for his

labors, go down to his grave in poverty and obscurity? If so, Republics are indeed ungrateful. You have seen the benefits of this agent in the Mexican and present war, and need only to be reminded that Dr. Morton, having given his brains, his bones and muscle, to his country and the world, now asks for some compensation. As one of your constituents, I respectfully ask your influence and vote in favor of such compensation to Dr. Morton as the Committee have proposed.

Very respectfully,

JOHN SLOAN, M.D.

Marion, Ind., Feb. 16th, 1864.

Hon. J. F. McDowell.

Dear Sir,—A laudable effort is now being made to induce Congress to make some remuneration to one of the benefactors of mankind, Dr. W. T. G. Morton, of Boston; his discovery of the anæsthetic properties of ether is a blessing to mankind not surpassed by any discovery at any period of the world's history.

I hope, therefore, that the project will meet with your approval, and that you will use your best efforts to procure a suitable remuneration so justly deserving.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES S. SHIOCLY.

WISCONSIN.

Janesville, Wis., Dec. 15, 1863.

Hon. J. C. Sloan.

Dear Sir:—Allow me to introduce to you Doctor Morton, who has the honor of being the first to make practical use of Ether as an Anæsthetic agent. Every intelligent person is aware that Anæsthesia has saved many lives, much suffering, and during the present war has been, and now is a great blessing to those who are suffering for our country's good. The Doctor wishes Congress to assist him or reward him for this discovery, and the medical profession endorse him. All that you can do for him, will by me be regarded as a favor.

Yours respectfully,

H. ADAMS, M.D.

IOWA.

Dubuque, Iowa, Dec. 26, 1863.

Hon. Wm. B. Allison, Washington, D. C.

Sir,—I have just signed a petition to Congress in behalf of Dr. Morton, the undoubted discoverer of Anæsthesia, or the art of inducing with safety insensibility to pain during surgical operations, &c., which I sincerely hope you will favor by your vote, should it come before the House for its action.

By so doing, I feel sure you would aid in justly acknowledging one of the greatest boons ever conferred by science upon mankind.

Respectfully, your humble servant,

ASA HERR, M.D.

MINNESOTA.

Winona, Minnesota, Dec. 20, 1863.

To Hon. Wm. Windom, M. C., Rep. 1st Cong. Dis., Minn.

Dear Sir,—During the present Session of Congress, a petition numerously signed by the medical profession of the whole United States (loyal States) in behalf of Dr. Morton, the discoverer of Sulphuric Ether, as an Anæsthetic agent, will be presented. I wish to say, honorable and dear sir, that we, as medical men,

sympathize heartily with this movement, and wish it all success. We are glad to join with the profession of our country in this petition to Congress. We beg to refer you to the Report of Mr. Wilson from the Committee on Military Affairs, and the Militia of the last Congress. We heartily endorse every word of that Report, and earnestly hope that the present Congress will not fail to reward Dr. Morton in a manner as favorable as suggested in the Wilson Report, and in the approval of Surgeon-General Hammond.

We are, most truly and respectfully your ob't serv'ts,

FORD & STAPLES.

MISSOURI.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 17, 1863.

Hon. F. P. Blair, Jr.

Dear Sir,—Having learned that there is a proposition before the Congress of the United States contemplating the bestowal of some liberal testimonial upon Dr. Morton for his invaluable discovery,—the use of Ether as an Anæsthetic.

While discoverers in every other department secure and enjoy an unlimited monopoly in the benefits of their discoveries by legal enactments, the medical man, by common concert of the community, the etiquette of his profession, and his own philanthropy, is denied such benefits.

I believe our government has been remiss in not suitably rewarding the discoverers of valuable remedial agents, and the inventors of mechanical appliances, for the relief of the sufferings of mankind; I hope, therefore, you will lend your influence in inaugurating a new and praiseworthy practice on the part of the Government of rewarding the medical Philanthropist who spends years in research, and perhaps impairs, or wholly destroys his health, in discovering valuable remedies for the diseases to which "flesh is heir."

E. S. FRAZER, M. D.

*Headquarters, 1st Brigade, 2d Division,
5th Army Corps, A. P., January 28, 1864. }*

My Dear Sir,—Your favor of the 23d has been just received. It affords me much pleasure to sign the memorial in favor of the testimonial to Dr. Morton. I think I follow in the universal current of the profession, when I pronounce the introduction of Anæsthetic agents one of the grand eras which mark our calling. It is no hasty statement, that mortality from surgical operations during this war, has been curtailed three-fourths by the use of Anæsthetic agents. Certainly, a generous nation, taking just pride in its million of "defenders of the faith," will bestow its favor on one who has saved thousands from death, and disarmed surgery of half its honors.

I am sir, with much respect, your ob't serv't,

SAMUEL APPLETON STORROW,

Assist Surgeon U.S. Army.

DR. JOHN WARE, Boston, Mass.

*Department of South,
Hilton Head, S. C., Feb. 15, 1864. }*

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell, M. C.

Dear Sir,—In the autumn of 1864, A.D., it was my privilege to be present at the first capital operation ever performed under the influence of "Sulphuric Ether."

The "Letheon," as it was then called, was administered by Dr. W. T. G. Morton, the operation (amputation at the thigh) was accomplished without the slightest suffering, and the stump healed rapidly.

From that time to this present I have constantly availed myself of this great discovery; and in civil life, as well as in the army of the United States, this wonderful agent has, under my own observation, prevented untold agony, which, if computed in money, (if such a thing were possible,) would be an immense sum.

That, for its first practical application, we are indebted to Dr. W. T. G. Morton, and to his courage, energy, and perseverance in demonstrating the fact of its safety and universal applicability in producing unconsciousness and freedom from suffering in surgical operations, there can now be no question. It is well known that he has spent the prime of his life and a large amount of money in his devotion to this great discovery, which has been of such great service to our common country and to the civilized world. We should be proud to give to the world this great boon as an offering from America:

As a matter of justice, national pride and gratitude, I pray that Congress may give to Dr. Morton a sum of money worthy our country and the great discovery he has accomplished.

I am very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

PETER PINEO,

Lieut.-Col. & Medical Inspector, U.S. A.

Through Dr. JOHN WARE, Chairman Ex. Committee, etc.

Washington, Feb. 22, 1864.

*Head Quarters Medical Dept. 2d N. J. Vols. }
Near Brandy Station, Va., Feb. 22, 1864. }*

Sir,—I have the honor to state, that during a practice of eleven years, I have used ether freely and without any hesitation, in all major surgical operations, and in tedious and grave cases of confinement, with the most happy and delightful effects, and do not hesitate to say, I would not be deprived of its use upon any consideration whatever.

Since I have been in the U. S. service, now about two years, I have performed and assisted in the performance of very many major surgical operations, and feel assured that the mortality usual in such cases is greatly decreased by the aid of anæsthetics, and would never operate without, if possible to be had.

I am most respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

LUTHER F. HALSEY,

Ass't Surgeon in charge.

Head Quarters 22d Ky. Infantry,
Baton Rouge, Louisiana,
Feb. 11th, 1864. }

Sir,—In my reports to the War Department, I have expressed my sense of the obligation the world owes to Dr. Morton, for the introduction of anæsthesia to the profession, and now cheerfully join in an effort to secure a suitable acknowledgment from the Congress of the United States for the boon he has conferred on humanity.

B. F. STEVENSON,
 Surgeon 22d Regt. Ky. Vol. Inf'ty.

I concur in the above. WM. R. DAVIDSON,
 2d Ass't Surg. 22d Ky.

Bowdoin College, Feb. 26, 1864.

Hon. Henry L. Dawes.

Dear Sir,—An effort will be made to induce Congress to make some return to Dr. Morton for his services to the world in the introduction of ether in surgical operations. Dr. Morton, in my judgment, has been grossly wronged in the preposterous claims of others, and in the long neglect of the American people to make him some compensation for the honor he has conferred upon us, and his labors and losses while demonstrating the value of this agent. I trust you will find it consistent with your many duties to give the subject your careful consideration, as I doubt not, if you are able to do so, you will recognize the Doctor's claims to the gratitude and substantial rewards which his countrymen are able to bestow.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 P. A. CHADBOURNE.

Williamstown, Feb. 22, 1864.

Hon. H. L. Dawes.

Dear Sir,—I have received the documents in this case, and been requested to use my influence in behalf of Dr. Wm. T. G. Morton, the discoverer of the use of ether in surgery, who applies to Congress for some compensation for his services in behalf of the nation and of mankind. I feel a special interest in the case, and gratitude to Dr. Morton, from having made use of his discovery recently, in the extraction of my left eye, which proved a comparatively simple and perfectly painless operation.

Government cannot reward all inventors, but when one invents the steam-engine, or discovers a simple, sure and safe way of producing total insensibility to pain, for a period long enough to perform the most difficult and delicate operations of surgery, the State may properly signify its sense of the value of such services.

It seems that Dr. Morton has been a serious loser pecuniarily by his discovery, and an appropriation of money is what he seeks. He regards it as a just debt, considering the value of his discovery to the country during the present war.

Yours, most respectfully,
 JOHN L. T. PHILLIPS.

*Headquarters Medical Department, 34th Iowa Vols., }
Coast of Texas, February 8, 1864.*

Hon. James F. Wilson, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,—I beg the honor of addressing you upon this occasion in behalf of Dr. W. T. G. Morton, the discoverer of Ether as an "Anæsthetic;" and most respectfully petition your efforts in Congress, in procuring for him a National testimony, worthy of such a benefactor; in so doing, you will only be rewarding merit. Suffering humanity is ever grateful to acknowledge Dr. Morton second to none in the profession, save Dr. Jenner, and alike should be compensated. While it is proven clearly that Dr. Morton is the veritable discoverer, our Nation should not submit his great intellect and energetic perseverance, like virtue, to be its own reward. The wounded soldier on the battle-field, and the sufferer in civil life, pay homage to him whose instrumentality has proven the practicability of "Anæsthesia."

Hoping that you have given this subject your attention, and that you will generously aid in dispensing justice to the "Donor" of the greatest good which the world has ever received,

I am sir, most respectfully, your ob't serv't,

VICTOR H. COFFMAN, Surgeon 34th Iowa.

*University of Michigan, }
Ann Arbor, March 1, 1864.*

Dear Sir,—I send to you by the same mail with this, a petition to Congress in behalf of Dr. Morton, signed by nearly all of my colleagues in the Faculty of the Department of Science, Literature, and Arts. Professor Palmer will, I understand, forward one on behalf of the Medical Faculty.

It seems to me that Congress, as a matter of simple justice, ought to remunerate Dr. Morton. The benefits conferred upon the world by his discovery cannot be estimated; and it would be a standing rebuke to us that this great Nation should fail to do him justice.

Very truly yours,

JAMES C. WATSON, Director of the Observatory.

Dr. John Ware, Boston, Mass. •

More than one hundred other letters have been received, too late for insertion.

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